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Cash crisis

pushes

Royal

Academy

into red

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Royal Academy last night admitted that it faces "serious financial problems" after it was revealed that it has a deficit of £3.2 million. Ernst & Young, the accountants who were called in by the academy's solicitors, have been unable to complete the

audit for the year ending September 30, 1996. The ac-

countants discovered that

£200,000 of staff pension con-

tributions had not been made

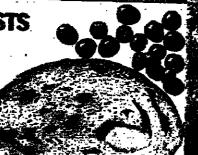
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Support withdrawn in hospital row

Tory majority wiped out by MP's protest

JOHN MAJOR'S fragile Commons majority was wiped out last night after a Tory MP withdrew his support from the party, accusing ministers of fistorting promises" over hospital care.

Sir John Gorst put the Government under increasing pressure by announcing that ninisters should not expect his backing and refusing to commit himself to keeping the Conservatives in power in a confidence vote.

The announcement by Sir ohn, member for Hendon North, was in protest at ministers' refusal to keep open a hospital accident and emergency unit. It added to an air of crisis at Westminster as Cabinet ministers launched a campaign to restore unity

over Europe. Of the 651 MPs. Tory business managers can now count on the support of only 322 in a whipped vote, against 322 for the opposition parties. Four MPs, two from Labour, two from Conservative, do not vote because they act as speakers. There are two vacancies, Wirral South and Barnsley East. The Government's position is likely to get worse next Thursday when the Barnsley by-election returns a Labour

member. Although the Government usually enjoys a nine-vote cushion because the Ulster Unionists tend to vote with the Conservatives, there is little doubt that this week's storm in the party over Europe and Sir John's withdrawal of cooperation make Mr Major's administration more vulnerable

than ever before. Sir John wrote to Alastair Goodlad, the Tory Chief Whip, to explain his decision. He told a news conference: "I am today withdrawing my ∞-. operation from the Government and shall not treat the minor accident treatment whip" as either a summons to

Air deal pledge British Airways has indicated

net it would accept tough

conditions for its planned link with Amercian Airlines, which would create the world's big-

gest air partnership Page 25

Death verdict

A coroner has called for re-

forms to police training after a

jury returned a verdict of

accidental death on a suspect

whose death in police custody

sparked a riot.......Page 3

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Gorst: "I withdraw my co-operation"

attend the Commons or as placing me under any obliga-tion to vote as advised." Asked if he would support the Goverroment in a confidence vote.

he said only: "Wait and see."
Although Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, underlined that Sir John had not actually resigned the Tory whip, which would make him ineligible to stand for the party in the general election, senior Tories admitted that his

decision was damaging.
Hugh Dykes (Harrow
East), who has backed Sir
John's three-year campaign over the threatened closure of the accident and emergency department at Edgware Hos pital, north London, said that he was awaiting further moves before deciding wheth-

er to resign the whip. In Jone, Sir John and Mr Dykes threatened to resign the whip over plans to close a 24-hour accident and emergency unit. They backed away from their threat after claiming that Mr Dorrell had assured them that there would be a casualty unit with medical facilities for

emergencies. Sir John took yesterday's action because the Edgware hospital will be given only a

centre with doctors available

THE role of alcohol in the

modern business lunch came

under scrutiny yesterday after

a television executive lost his

damages claim against a com-

pany doctor who advised that

his drinking habits barred

Peter Baker who, it was

estimated, drank the equiva-

lent of at least four bottles of

wine a week and admitted

enjoying a bottle a day for six

days during a festival, was not

the victim of negligence by Dr

Georges Kaye, a judge ruled. Mr Baker, 53, of Great

Bookham, Surrey, was due to

become head of international

sales with NBC Europe on a

£45,000 salary when he failed a pre-employment medical. He was ordered yesterday to

pay costs thought to be more

than £50,000. Mr Baker had

claimed that Dr Kaye, the

physician for NBC's parent company, GE, had misdiag-

He told the High Court that

he drank one or two glasses of

nosed a drink problem.

him from a lucrative job.

only for 13 hours a day. The only way the two MPs say they back down is if the Government gives into their demand for a 24-hour unit. Sir John registered his "disgust" over ministers' action and accused Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, of "fail-

ing and distorting promises".

Three other MPs — Tony Marlow (Northampton N). Terry Dicks (Hayes and Harlington) and Bill Walker (Tayside N) — have threatened to withdraw their backing in the dispute over Mr Major's "wait and see" policy on a single currency.

Tory backbenchers are increasingly flexing their muscles. On the eve of the Budget Nicholas Winterton, the MP for Macclesfield, secured £8 million of road improvements for his constituency by threatening to vote against the Government.

Despite the uncertainty of further MPs resigning the whip, the omens remain good for the Government surviving until its preferred choice of a General Election in May. The last Labour government went into minority in 1976 and survived 42 defeats and beat off two confidence motions before it fell in March 1979.

Senior Tories said last night that, with no three-line whips planned before the Commons rises for Christmas, the loss of support was not of imminent importance.

Mr Dicks threatened to resign the whip in protest at Mr Major's lack of leadership. in a bitter personal attack, he said: "I don't want to be on a ship like the Titanic where the helmsman can see the ice ahead and simply says: let's wait and see what happens'. The only option is to sack Kenneth Clarke."

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Court decision puts City's

liquid lunchers on the spot

By Adrian Lee

days he might not drink at at

all but in the week of his interview with NBC he had

been for a lunch at which he

drank three glasses of wine. At

the weekend he might have.

half a bottle of wine over

Some of the leading advo-

cates of the alcohol-free lunch

are American-owned banks,

Baker: will have to pay

dinner, or a beer.



Tim Henman's week's earnings will rise to £500,000 today if he beats Boris Becker and to £990,000 if he wins tomorrow

Henman serves for a £1m pay day

By JOHN GOODBODY AND ALIX RAMSAY

TIM HENMAN could earn almost £1 million for a week's work if he wins the Compan Grand Slam tennis cup in Munich this weekend. Britain's first world-class male player for 20 years is already assured of doubling his previous earnings this year and will collect £495,400 this week if he defeats Boris Becker in the

semi-finals today.

If he upsets the German, three-times Wimbledon champion, and then wins the final tomorrow, he will earn

"Maybe to play him at

transgresses as requiring

medical assistance rather than

We do not need a company

policy about alcohol consump-

tion during the working day."

a spokesman for the American investment bank Goldman

Sachs said. "It is simply part

of our culture. Our people

realise that if you consume.

alcohol it leaves you unable to

perform adequately."

Trevor Wheeler, of Chase

Manhattan, said: "If I do take

anybody for lunch I am frank-

ly amazed if they ask for any-

thing to drink but water. It just

does not happen. The Eighties

However, a barman at the

Grande Marque wine bar on

Ludgate Hill said: "We have

plenty of champagne out there

today, and there will be more

tonight. Perhaps the people who do not liquid lunch never

are over, you know."

came here anyway."

disciplinary measures.

£990,853. Henman said yesterday of the prize money: "I am aware of it. Make no bones about it. But what is more important is that I am playing Boris in his home town over five sets and I don't think you can get much

better than that.

wine a day on average. Some but they view anyone who

am pleased with the way I have blocked it out of my mind. I have always said that tennis was more my hobby than my profession." Before he came to Munich as a second reserve on Sunday, he had earned £262,000

Wimbledon on Centre Court

may be better, but he says that

is also his home. I know there

is a lot of money at stake but I

in a meteoric year, during which the 22-year-old reached the singles' quarter-finals at Wimbledon. He received £30,000 just for

turning up in Munich. When Americans Pete Sampras and Michael Chang withdrew. Henman came into the draw and promptly earned £60,000 defeating Michael Stich. the 1991 Wimbledon champion. In the quarter-finals on Thursday he beat MaliVai Washington, the 1996 Wimble- a Peugeot 205. He could afford don finalist, in straight sets. a Ferrari but says: "It really This brought his week's earnings to £257,000. isn't me. A Peugeot gets me from A to B." Henman practised for the

semi-final yesterday with

David Felgate, his coach, on

the same Olympiahalle court

where 11,000 Germans will

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today back Becker.

Asked yesterday whether he had enjoyed a fairy-tale year, Henman replied: "I don't know whether you could call it that. I just know that I have had a good year. It is almost unbelievable.

However, money has never, been the driving force for the Briton, whose great grand-mother, Ellen Stawell-Brown, was the first woman to serve over-arm at Wimbledon and whose grandfather, Henry Billington, reached the third round of the same tournament three times just after the Second World War.

This year, Henman has restricted himself to buying a flat near the Queen's Club, in West Kensington, and driving

day-to-day running costs. Its overdraft with the Royal Bank of Scotland is £2.25 million. With deficits of £3.2 million in the past two years, a meeting next Thursday of the academy's general assembly

must approve a rescue plan to satisfy bankers that urgent efforts are being made to put their finances in order. In a statement issued last night Sir Anthony Tennant, the new chairman of the Royal Academy Trust, said: academy, like so many other art institutions both in Britain

and abroad faces serious financial problems but there is no question of future insolvency for the academy. The appropriate steps are now being taken to ensure its financial security."
Sir Philip Dowson, the

academy's president, said: "I am certain that faced with the realities of our financial position, the academy will support the proposals for the reform of our administration." The scale of the academy's

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Shares fall after US bank chief's warning

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

LONDON shares suffered their worst fall for four years yesterday. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed 38.2 points lower at 3,963.0. At its worst point, the FTSE had

plunged by 168.5 points.
The fall came after Alan Greenspan, chairman of the American central bank, panicked Wall Street with a warning about the dangers of driving stock markets up into a speculative bubble.

He expressed concern about "irrational exuberance" pushing up prices. Although the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve was talking in general terms, he is too experienced a central banker to have been unaware of the potential impact of his remarks.

Investors saw in his comments a warning that he could raise interest rates if surging asset prices threatened control on inflation. Wall Street has jumped by 25 per cent this year, most of that coming since July.

Selling immediately hit

by 140 points at its worst levels of the day However, the panic subsided after American employ-ment figures showed that US

unemployment rose to 5.4 per cent from 5.2 per cent in November, suggesting that the American economy is growing modestly enough not to ignite higher inflation and therefore provoke a rise in interest rates. At midday on Wall Street.

shares in Tokyo and other Far

Eastern markets and stocks

slumped all over Europe as

soon as markets opened. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones

Industrial Average was down

the Dow Jones index had recovered more than half the ground to 60 points lower. One fund manager commented: "This is edge-of-theseat stuff. You can't stop concentrating for a second with the market like this."

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in Dublin next week by attacking the Irish text as hopelessly weak. Mr Rifkind, who was in Brussels to prepare for the summit, told the other

Maastricht treaty. As Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, spelt

out British resistance, France set the

scene for a bumpy European summit

14 ministers that Britain viewed the treaty outline as fair but that it was misguided in several areas. The proposal to include an employment chapter committing states to jobcreating policies "would not create a single new job": He also flatly rejected the call to turn Europe into a frontier-free area with common policing by 2001. Britain's island geogra-phy made border controls its best defence against crime and illegal immigration, he said. "It is a fact of EU life that the United Kingdom will

retain its frontier controls." Mr Rifkind attacked a proposal to

give Brussels more control over defence through the Western European Union, and he voiced scepticism over the proclaimed desire to extend majority voting to areas now governed by the veto. Outside the ministers' "conclave", he also took a swipe at Jacques Santer, the president of the EU Commission, for saying Britain's "moment of truth" over Europe was arriving. He said M

Mr Rifkind's sanguine response to the draft treaty, which is due for completion next June, reflected Brit-

Santer's words were just "splendid

tions had so far delivered little of the red-blooded federalism that Germany and its allies had been calling

Britain's position isolated from the note that Ireland had come up with rest, and that was already covered by the opt-out negotiated at Maastricht, Mr Rifkind noted. -British satisfaction contrasted with

an outburst from Hervé de Charette. the French Minister, who said the draft treaty "reflected the mediocrity of the work done so far" at the intergovernmental conference, the rolling negotiations to rewrite the Maastricht treaty. "Things are not work ing," he said.

He described the call for common policing and open internal frontiers for. Only on social affairs was as empty. France was appalled to no serious text on reforming the EU's machinery, including the Commis-sion and the decision-making system.

Germany gave the Irish draft modest praise, but officials privately shared the French view that it too timid. Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac are expected to issue a strong call for a push to more energetic reform in Dablin.

Clarke could lead 20 protest resignations

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE warning by Kenneth Clarke that up to 20 ministers would join him in a mass resignation from the Government if John Major surrendered to the Euro-sceptics, is

no idle threat. The Chancellor has told his friends that the issue is much more important than Europe and the endless row over the single currency. It is, according to Mr Clarke, the soul of the Tory party at stake.

The Tory whips, aware of the potentially fatal damage of losing such an outspoken Chancellor so close to an election, have identified the most likely dissidents in the Government ranks. The armtwisting and subtle flattery has already begun to ensure they stay on side.

But some of them have already made their minds up to join Mr Clarke in exile on the backbenches. Mr Clarke would be the unopposed champion of the Tory left. John Redwood the standard bearer of the right. Mr Major would be uncomfortably sandviched in the middle.

The spotlight would fall first on the Cabinet ministers. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, is the most obvious suspect. Mr Gummer, one of the

longest serving ministers, would be in a difficult dilemma. A committed European. he is also a close personal friend of the Prime Minister. "He would be with between his loyalty to John Major and his passionate belief in the single currency. Europe might win," said one leading left-wing Tory MP last night. Sir

George Young, the Transport Secretary, who was sacked and resurrected by Margaret Thatcher, would also be targeted by the Chancellor's supporters. A question mark would also hang over William Waldegrave, the Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, who has a high regard for Mr Clarke.

A clutch of middle-ranking ministers could also follow the Chancellor. Most Tory MPs expect Ian Taylor, the Trade and Industry minister and MP for Esher, to be at the head of the procession.

Robin Squire, the junior education minister, and David Curry, the deputy to Mr Gummer, are also thought to be highly likely to go. Other high-profile ministers who their colleagues expect to consider their position include Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Aid minister. Lady Chalker, who is known to be unhappy at the rhetoric on Europe and the policy of non-cooperation in the beef war. She is still sore

over her failure to secure a Cabinet post.

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, is also known for his pro-European views. But his departure from the Government would be particularly damaging as he is a former Tory Party chairman. Anthony Nelson, a junior Treasury minister, might also follow his boss. Doubts also persist about Nicholas Soames, the Armed forces clashed with Baroness Thatcher over her views on Germany, is also at the centre of speculation, although his military background and training in loyalty mean he would probably resist the pressure to quit.

Mr Clarke, in an interview yesterday with his local newspaper the Nottingham Evening Post, made clear his desire to lead the Tory party. But he stressed that he would not challenge John Major.

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By David Charter

MANY university prosp-

ectuses are to carry warnings

that applicants face course

fees of up to £1,000 after vice-

chancellors agreed to drop

their threat of a £300 entry

levy.
The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals said that a "substantial" number of universities would alert

applicants for 1998 places that

fees were possible. Gareth Roberts, the committee's chairman, said that £1,000 would be a realistic charge.

but not everyone would have

to pay the full amount. The

wording of the warning has

yet to be agreed, but it is unlikely to state the exact sum

Mr Roberts said: "It could

not be a figure that was so

high that it put students off, or

a sum that was too low. I

suspect you are talking of a figure of around the El.000

mark, with a safety net where

I suspect that at least 50 per

cent of the students would not

have to pay the full sum." He

said reductions were likely to

be worked out on the same

basis used by local authorities

to assess a student's wealth

Mr Roberts welcomed the extra £100 million found for

universities in the Budget, but

said that losses through tax

charges and other changes

reduced the gain to £21 mil-lion. The £300 entry fee was

dropped not because of the

Budget, but because of legal advice that students had not

The committee appealed for

all universities to wait until

the publication of Sir Ron

Dearing's report on higher

education funding next sum-mer before deciding whether

☐ Vice-chancellors' cash shor-

tage has led to a breakdown in pay talks with all staff, who

rejected their offer of 1.5 per

cent and staged a one-day

strike last month. Mr Roberts

said that, if emergency pay talks on Thursday failed, it

would mean an end to nat-

ional pay bargaining.

been given fair notice.

to charge fees.

when calculating grants.

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John Gummer, left, and Sir George Young: both might join the Chancellor on the backbenches

Hints from the political wives are not a patch on Mrs Clarke

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

GILLIAN CLARKE, wife of the Chancellor, is joining the trend for politicians' wives to reveal home-loving glimpses of life behind the scenes. She is to go on television to tell all about her love for quilt-

For the first programme in Channel Four series on hobbies. Collectors' Lot, to be screened next month, Mrs Clarke has been filmed at the American Museum in Bath. She will be seen showing her favourite quilts, giving detailed this on how best to practise her art, and recommending it as the perfect

modern life. "You sit in a comfy chair and just sew," she says. "The rhythm calms you down, lowers the pulse rate. lowers the blood pressure, puts you back on an even keel with the world after what may have been a rather frustrating and

antidote to the stresses of of the women's magazine

difficult day."
Hillary Clinton led the trend with a declaration of a hitherto unimagined enthusiasm for home-baking. Norma Major had a high-profile tour to promote her book about Chequers, and gave a TV interview on her home concerns. Cherie Booth, wife of Tony Blair, was a guest editor

Mrs Clarke says that her hobby began 20 years ago: "I had an ever-increasing pile of dress-making leftovers, and I wanted to do something with them. One of the joys of old quilts is the way they're a treasure house of old fabrics.

You can see all sorts of things — most likely the household's clothes making leftovers."

The Chancellor himself prefers to relax in the pub or the curry house. Mrs Clarke adds: "I haven't yet discovered a fellow quiter among

the Cabinet wives. I may do so. I shall probably have dozens of letters now.

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Universities will warn Decision today on students of museum charges £1,000 fees

The trustees of the British Museum will meet today to decide whether to introduce admission charges in the light of a damning report on the museum's internal practices.

The meeting of the trustees, who include Sir David Attenborough, the broadcaster and naturalist, and the Duke of Gloucester, will be attended by Dr Robert Anderson, the museum's director, who has been stepping up his opposition to the idea of admission fees in recent weeks. The trustees have been studying a report by Andrew Edwards, a former Treasury deputy secretary, which said the museum was riddled with inefficiency. He proposed numerous job cuts and a £5 entrance fee to raise £8 million a year.

Murder victim's fiancée ill

The fiance of Lee Harvey, 25, who was stabled to death after the couple were pursued by another car in the county of Hereford and Worcester last weekend, has been admitted to hospital after collapsing earlier this week. Neither doctors nor police would disclose the nature of Tracie Andrews's illness last night but Mr Harvey's family said she had been

Eighth food poison death

An eighth pensioner died at Falkirk and District Royal Infirmary yesterday in Scotland's E. coli 0157 food poisoning outbreak. The elderly man was from the Bonnybridge area. Numbers affected by the outbreak have risen to 370, with 194 people confirmed as being infected with the E-coli bacteria. Fifty seven are in hospital and 25 adults and six children are seriously ill.

Schools' paedophile warning

A dossier, including a photograph, of a convicted paedophile who has been released from jail has been sent to 140 schools in South Wales. Police sent personal details of Fabio Lowrie. 42, to the director of education in Cardiff advising him to alert headteachers in schools in the area. A similar pilot scheme is under way in Portsmouth in which information about convicted paedophiles is sent to head teachers.

Pupil dies of meningitis

A 16-year-old boy from Sale Grammar School in Greater Manchester died of meningitis and a 15-year-old girl at the school is seriously ill with the disease. Both contracted meningococcal septicaemia, the severest form. As health officials sought to reassure parents, a sixth meningitis case was confirmed in a male student at University College, Cardiff.

Prison move for McAliskey

The pregnant daughter of former nationalist MP Bernadette. McAliskey has been moved to Holloway prison after undergoing a hospital scan. Roisin McAliskey, 25, complained of stomach pains at the all-male Belmarsh prison where she is facing extradition. A Prison Service spokesman said ante-natal care was more readily available at Holloway.

Bookies bet on lottery rival

Bookmakers are to launch a pre-Christmas rival to the National Lottery. The game will feature a daily draw and punters will make bets on the numbers they think will come up. Unlike the lottery, which has a minimum El stake, bets as low as 10p will be allowed and players will be able to bet on single numbers or on several.

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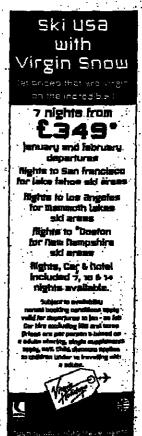
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out last week in an internal memorandum from David Gordon, the newly-appointed secretary, to members of the academy's governing council and to its trustees, including the Prince of Wales, who is Trust president.

The rescue plan includes and proposal to remove control from the 12-man council of academicians and set up a new group which would include representatives from all sections of the academy, including trustees and staff.

They also wish to boost the income for the academy and have upset some of the old guard by proposing the removal of the academicians private assembly rooms to create more space and to convert part of the recently built Sackler gallery into a café.

The academy is self-financing and receives no grants from the taxpayer. It is planning to expand its gallery space and hopes to win lottery funds for the takeover of the premises of the nearby Museum of Mankind which is to be rehoused by the British Museum.



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Drink fortifies spirit in world of TV festivals

PETER BAKER was known to enjoy a drink but had not acquired a reputation for excess in the world of television ales, where "lunches without lcohol are inconceivable"

The state of the s hat his drinking habits made him unsuitable for a lucrative Mr Baker, 53, had spent 22

years in the business and regularly visited film and levision festivals at a time when the hospitality was more lavish than today. His job was to sell television programmes for oreign broadcasters and, in an intensely competitive field, it was accepted that entertaining potential buyers was an

integral part of his role.
"There is a lot of socialising," said Philip Jones, who was at the 1991 festival in Monte Carlo where Mr Baker admitted having a bottle of wine each day "Of course, you could just sit down over a cup of tea, but it is very difficult trying to sell to someone who has got their drinking boots on. You sometimes can't back away from that."

Mr Jones, managing direc-"Peter Baker did not stand out

17 Mrs Clarke

anyone else. He did not have a reputation as a big drinker. I fully understand why he has brought this case. People were delighted when he got the job at NBC and then mystified when he didn't take it up."

Mr Jones, whose portfolio includes Inspector Morse, said the culture had changed in recent years. Up to 150 distributors might be competing for sales at each festival and a bottle of Perrier was increasingly as popular as a fine claret. "It is a rarefied atmosphere and you are on ex-penses in glamorous places, but you have to be on your toes 24 hours a day. It is hard work," Mr Jones said.

Stephen Leahy, chairman of Action Times, one of Europe's largest entertainment and television production companies. is renowned for throwing the best opening-night parties at Cannes. He said: "Lunches without alcohol are inconceivable. It is a sign of hospitality. We normally budget for a bottle of wine a head, then wait and see.

"I would have thought a bottle a day at Monte Carlo was quite modest when you remember that you start at llam and might go on until three the next morning."

Jane Millichip, who reports on the festivals for the magazine TV World, said there had





Peter Baker, left, had alleged negligence by Dr GeorgesKaye, who said his drinking made him unsuitable for a job

reasonable medical opinion would have reached the same conclusion as Dr Kaye, a vastly experienced physician. Also, Mr Baker had been evasive about his drinking. Doctors will be open to

challenge from people undergoing company medicals, de-spite Mr Baker's defeat. The judge ruled that the case established a new principle: the doctor, although employed by the company, also had a responsibility to the patient.
Dr Kaye, who is based in Harley Street, was in France on company business but was relieved to have been been

vindicated, his solicitor said.

TV firm's £8,000 drinks bill

THE company that refused to employ Peter Baker because he had an alleged drink problem spent thousands of pounds on alcohol recently when it threw a huge party in a French château.

NBC celebrated its seventieth anniversary with a celebration in Cannes, on the penultimate night of the annual October television festival. The total bill for the evening came to £27,000, with

£8,000 spent on drinks. Most went on alcohol. "It was the highlight of the week," one partygoer said. "There were certainly some very drunk people there." The party went on until 3.30am. "It was still in full swing but that was when

the château closed." Many of those at the party attended festival events the next day for their companies. The High Court was told that NBC's American parent company, General Electric Tech-nical Services, frowned on

alcohol. Those who drank at lunchtime and refused to change their habits were eased out of the company.

Mr Baker admitted drinking a bottle of wine a day at a festival in Monte Carlo, shortly before he underwent a premployment medical. former medical director of the company told the court that it had a "strict policy on alco-hol" because it was estimated that drinking by executives cost millions of dollars a year in poor decision-making.

Guard on Lawrence son after kidnap bid

By JOANNA BALE

THE son of the murdered headmaster Philip Lawrence was escorted to school yesterday by detectives hunting a mystery couple who attempted to abduct him from his home. Mr Lawrence's widow.

Frances, has told police that a man and a woman claiming to be from the social services came to the house and asked for Lucien Lawrence, nine They tried to persuade her to let them take him away for a medical examination, and referred to his GP by name. At the Lawrence family

home yesterday in Ealing, west London, Detective In-spector Alan Gale said: "Police are investigating an allegation of attempted abouction of Mrs. Lawrence's son from this address on Wednesday afternoon. She was suspicious and refused access."

The man was aged about 40, 5ft llin, with short brown hair and black-rimmed glasses, and wore a beige mackintosh. The woman was about 28, black, 5ft 6in, with short. black, bobbed hair, and wore a black jacket and black shirt.

Police said that there was no evidence of any link with a stalker who troubled Mrs Lawrence earlier this year. Officers are investigating any links with similar attempts to lure children in the west London area.

Mr Lawrence was stabbed last December outside St George's school, Maida Vale. A boy of 16 was held for life.

Custody death verdict prompts training call

A CORONER yesterday Douglas, of Sydenham, south-called for far-reaching re-forms to police training after a failure due to stress, exhausjury returned a verdict of accidental death on a black burglary suspect whose death in police custody sparked a riot in Brixton a year ago,

The family of Wayne Doug-las, 25, stormed out of Southwark Crown Court as the foreman delivered the 8-1 majority verdict. Relatives claim that Mr Douglas, an unemployed former postman, was suffocated by police, who forced him to lie face-down with his hands cuffed behind his back in Brixton during and after his arrest last December.

The police, however, insisted that Mr Douglas had repeatedly lunged at them with two knives after he was stopped because he fitted the description of a burglar who had stolen a couple's credit cards and cash at knifepoint mmutes earlier.

The jury took four hours 20

tion and positional asphyxia. The Southwark Coroner, Sir

Montague Levine, said that he was "appalled" to learn that Metropolitan Police officers received just a few minutes' training on the form of as-physia caused by suspects being held face down when subdued with their hands handcuffed behind them. His recommendations included more research into the problems of restraining suspects, guidelines for all officers on the risks of positional asphyxia where suspects are exhaust-ed and stressed, refresher courses and a booklet to be issued to all police officers on

the symptoms. After the three-week hearing. Mr Douglas's brother Al-bert appealed for calm. He said the family were disappointed and angry with the verdict. "I have always been convinced that my brother

Wayne Douglas: verdict of accidental death

was suffocated in Brixton police station."

The family's solicitor, Louise Christian, said they would seek a judicial review. "The coroner made errors of law in the way he summed up. We sought a verdict of unlawful killing. There are two types of unlawful killing: gross criminal negligence in not getting Mr Douglas medical treatment or asking if he was all right; and unlawful force, because he was put on his front unnecessarily.
The coroner said the jury

had to find both things took place when in fact the jury had to find only one."
Police claimed Mr Douglas

detached house in Great Bookham, Surrey, with his

wife Beryl and three children.

"He is a family man," one

resident said. "I remember he

used to be away all the time on

business, often to America.

But he didn't strike me as a big

Mr Baker began his tele-

vision career in 1969 with

Warner Brothers and had also

worked for Production Asso-

ciates, Global Television and

Talbot Television. After losing

the post with NBC Europe in

1991 he set up his own distri-

bution company, Doljac. Mr Baker had claimed that

Dr Georges Kaye, the physi-

cian for NBC's parent com-

pany, GE, had misdiagnosed

a drink problem. But a High Court judge ruled yesterday that he was not the victim of

Deputy Judge Robert Owen.

QC, said a substantial body of

negligence by Dr Kaye.

drinker. He's a nice chap."

violently resisted arrest when confronted. He was hit with police batons to make him drop a kitchen knife, then placed face down in a playground before being taken to the police station, where he was again held face-down. Witnesses told the inquest they saw police raining blows on him with batons. But two postmortem examinations found no evidence of injuries that would have contributed to his

After Mr Douglas was seen on the floor with his eyes bulging, his jaw locked and mucus coming from his mouth, officers tried to resuscitate him. A post-mortem examination by Dr Frederick Patel concluded he died from hypertensive heart disease. Professor Bernard Knight concluded positional asphyxia was the cause and found no evidence of heart disease.

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A WOMAN was slashed agross the throat as she was out jogging in what police described as a motiveless and random attack. Mary Robinson, 41, a moth-

er of four, was running through Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire with a friend on Wednesday evening when she was attacked. She had 19 sutches in her throat and face after being cut with a long-bladed knife.

Mrs Robinson said last night she was convinced her assailant wanted to kill her. "All he wanted to do was to cut somebody's throat. He is not going to be happy with that. I think he will do it again." Detective Inspector Neville

Pinkney of Thames Valley Police said: This was an entirely motiveless attack. We have ruled out sex and robbery. It was gratuitous vioience and for everyone's sake we need to carch this man as soon as possible." They were treating the case as attempted murder. The attacker was 5ft 9in tall, of stocky build and

Jogger has | Murder charge PC 'had no choice'

By TIM JONES

A POLICE officer accused of murdering an unarmed man told an Old Bailey jury yesterday that he had no choice but

to fire his gun because he believed his life was in danger. PC Patrick Hodgson, 49, said he was shaking when he shot and killed David Ewin as he tried to drive off in a Toyota car that had been boxed in by police and other vehicles near Hammersmith Bridge in west London.

. The court was told that PC Hodgson, a specialist firearms officer, had been a member of the crew of a Metropolitan Police armed response vehicle when the incident occurred in February last year. PC Hodgson told the court he thought that Mr Ewin, 38, a suspected car thief, may have carried out an armed robbery when he saw him sprinting out of an .

off-licence. He said Mr Ewin ignored his warnings to stop and ran into the car. "I drew my gun and shouted 'Armed police' to stop him escaping and at the same time to defend myself

from any possible threat from "While I hadn't seen him carrying a weapon, once in the car any weapon in the vehicle

would have been a threat to

me ... I felt extremely

vulnerable." He said Mr Ewin, of Rochampton, southwest London, continued to shunt the vehicle backwards and forwards as he tried to escape. "I was totally shocked because with that one exception people had always complied with my demands when I pointed a gun at them." It was, he said, the only time he had fired a gun on operational duty, since

arms instructor. PC Hodgson, who denies murder, told Nicholas Purnell QC, for the defence There was no other option, nothing else I could have done. I was never out of danger ... I tried all the conventional methods but firing the gun was the last

The case continues.

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Airlines challenge new restrictions on aircraft noise

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINES yesterday won High Court approval for a legal challenge to government proposals for a clampdown on aircraft noise.

Mr Justice Popplewell gave permission for fata, the International Air Transport Association, to seek a judicial review of tighter noise restrictions on aircraft taking off from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

The regulations were due to come into force on January 1 but will be postponed pending the case, expected early in the new year. Environmental and residents' groups were angered by the postponement. Dermot Cox, chairman of the Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise, said: "It is quite despicable that the airlines are not only refusing to accept that improvements have to be made o the environment but are able to postpone the Govern-

ment's policies. "They will learn eventually that they have to work with the communities rather than con- use older aircraft (known as front them at every turn. Whatever happens, the Government must stand up to their bullying tactics."

The Transport Department planned to cut the maximum permitted noise by three decibels during the day and by two at night. Scientists said that this would have a significant impact on the amount of noise aircraft were permitted to make, and would encourage airlines to invest in quieter

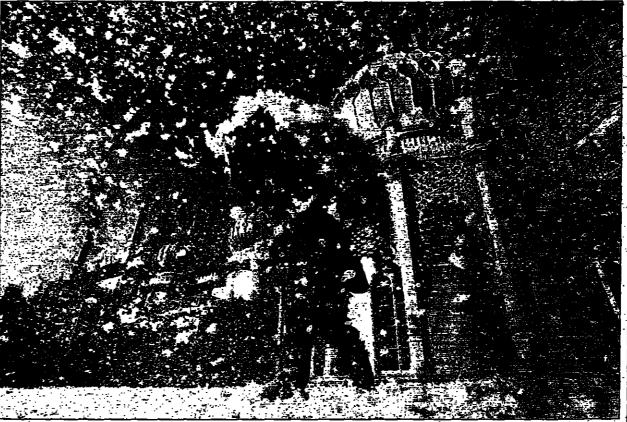
lata will argue that the new limits are unlawful, "not oper-ationally achievable and will have a severe impact on the long-haul operations of major carriers". It said that hundreds of older aircraft would be barred and newer jets would have to reduce their load of fuel, cargo or passen-gers to conform to the

The Government signed an international agreement in 1990 which allowed airlines to chapter two jets) until 2002," an lata spokesman said. "The British Government, however, introduced these new rules without consultation and many of our members, who are gradually phasing out these aircraft, are faced with having to stop flying to London from the beginning of

next month."

lata, which represents 254 airlines carrying 95 per cent of the world's international scheduled traffic, also wants to overturn a requirement for aircraft to reach a minimum height of 1,000ft at a given distance from take-off. The Department of Trans-

port is considering equally tight noise constraints on aircraft as they land. Complaints about aircraft noise at Heath-row are falling despite a sharp increase in the number of flights. But they are rising fast at Gatwick, where BA has switched hundreds of addi-



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AGAINST all the weather forecasts, a blizzard lays a blanket of snow deep and crisp and even on the grounds of the Royal Pavilion in Brighton. Even more remarkably, it does it every evening at 4 o'clock on the dot for an hour because, tired of waiting for the vagaries of the English winter to produce a traditional white Christmas, the town's council has turned to technology to whip up the

festive spirit. The snow is made from

White Christmas falls on the dot

foam and produced by machines hung in four trees in the grounds of the pavilion, once the Prince Regent's extravagant summer retreat. To add to

sung and pony-trap rides are offered around the lawns against a backdrop of 40,000 fairy lights. Amanda Shepherd, a spokeswoman for Brighton council, said: "It creates a traditional image of what we imagine Christmas to be like." The snow, which melts away each night, will fall until Christmas Eve when the machines will be turned off. Miss Shepherd said: "It is then up to nature if it wants to follow our lead."

Millennium exhibition cost rises by £200m

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By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich will cost £700 million, £200 million more than the most recent official estimate, according to its organisers. Their business plan for the event will be presented to the Millennium Commission next week.
The commission will decide

whether the plan is acceptable or if the exhibition, which has had a battle to raise the necessary private backing should be strapped.

The commission will not be asked to increase its £200 million contribution, and private sponsorship is expected to stay at E150 million. Instead, Mil-lennium Central, the operar-ing company, believes the ex-tra cash will come from merchandising, media fees and gate receipts. It is also hoped that more sponsorship will be

raised for touring events.

However, the organisers will make it clear that both the Government and Opposition must be prepared to guarantee borrowings for such a huge project in order for work to begin early next year.

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Prince urged to help boost communities

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE Prince of Wales is being urged to sound a "clarion call" to win greater public recognition of the role of local community enterprise in creating a happier, healthier and more

The Prince met a delegation from Business in the Community in Liverpool yester-day. He was told that government, local authorities, industry and commerce, and seats of learning - particular-ly schools for business, medi-

cine and architecture needed to be made aware of the benefits of involving people who had previously felt excluded from decisions affecting their lives.

The Prince was reminded of his own recently stated wish to see a spiritual as well as a physical dimension to the coming millennium delebrations. Partnerships between business and local communities required a moral as well as a financial commitment, and in the process encouraged new attitudes to people's duties and responsibilities to their fellow citizens.

The delegation, led by Peter Davis, chief executive of the Prudential Corporation, told the Prince that existing public funding structures were quite inappropriate in meeting com-

The Rev Andrew Mawson, chief executive of the Bromleyby-Bow Centre in east London, cited a recent survey among community groups which found that only I per cent believed the present funding mechanisms were satisfac-

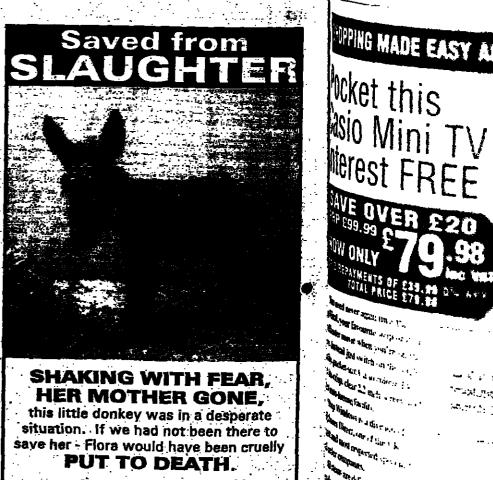
tory. Money from the Treasury went to local authority housing, education and social services departments and there was widespread

The Prince agreed that the Treasury was "a problem"



and suggested also that the National Audit Office was a dampener on funds being spent more imaginatively. He urged delegates to take the initiative in showing how money was wasted. The awards have been spon-

sored by The Times since their inception in 1986. ☐ Reports on some of the entries for the 1996 Community Enterprise Awards will appear in The Times shortly



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School set up with highest 18th-century ideals now finds itself derided by critics and deeply in debt

· Academy paints a sorry picture of financial decline

By Russell Jenkins and Isabel Carlisle

THE Royal Academy, which was revealed yesterday as being £3 million in debt, has been plagued with financial problems in recent years and riven by rivalries between traditionalists and modern-isers, artists and architects. Next month Trevor Clark, its former bursar, is to appear at Southwark Crown Court to answer theft charges amounting to £389,000 of the academy's funds.

It has been dismissed by opponents as an irrelevant anachronism for most of this century, and its Summer Exhiition is derided by art critics. All this is a far cry from the spirit of 1768, when a group of artists championed by Benjamin West sought the support of George III for the establishment of a "well-regulated school or academy of design and an annual exhibition". It was founded with a membership of up to 40 academicians, men of fair moral characters, of high reputation in their

Sir Joshua Reynolds was the first president and held office until his death in 1792. He laid down the concept of the academy as a body of professional men "to direct the student"

great examples of the Art". The first home for the academy's schools and exhibitions was in Pall Mall. They transferred to Somerset Palace in 1780, then shared premises with the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square for some years before moving to Burlington House, in Piccadilly, in 1867.

tioned until the last decades of last century, when groups such as the New English Art Club and the London Group were formed to challenge what they believed was the academy's stultifying effect on innovation and creativity.

This century the academy has lost ground to the Arts Council and the Tate Gallery. Its schools, whose students once included Turner, Constable and Millais, have been compared unfavourably with more go-ahead establishments, such as Goldsmiths', produced Damien

It is the oldest fine arts institution in Great Britain and its elderly membership is made up of the most distinguished artists and architects in the country. Originally run by artists for artists alone, the

ernment funding. It has always depended for a large part of its income on a cut of exhibition, first held in 1769 and now known as the Sum-mer Exhibition. The academy deducts a 30 per cent commission on works sold and, in the past few years, has made an annual surplus of £200,000. The first temporary loan exhibition was held in Janu-

ary 1870. The problem in recent years has been to present an appealing yearround programme of exhibi-tions while still making an overall profit.

Sponsorship to underwrite exhibition expenses has been

increasingly hard to find and several shows were nearly cancelled recently. In August the curators invited by the academy to mount the Lord Leighton exhibition had to come up with £150,000 themselves to prevent its cancel-

A survey of the academy's finances for 1991-94, published in the February issue of The Art Newspaper, showed that eight shows brought in a profit after reimbursing the sponsor, two broke even and 13 resulted



The Royal Academy and its first president, Sir Joshua Reynolds, who wanted it to be "a repository for the great examples of the Art"

which resulted in a deficit of

£613,248. Africa: The Art of a Continent, held last autumn, was a particularly ambitious show that cost £1.5 million to mount and needed 500,000 visitors to break even. It was a critical success but a financial failure.

as only 250,280 people came to

This autumn a huge gap was left in the exhibition programme by the late cancellation of an exhibition of 20thcentury art that was to have filled three other London galleries as well. The current from Edinburgh to plug the

Burlington House was remodelled in the 18th century by the third Lord Burlington. The original rooms, known as the Private Rooms, display a selection of the works from the academy's collection. The main galleries down-

stairs are used for the Sum-Sackler, where it can be seen mer Exhibition. Upstairs the Jill and Arthur M. Sackler four days a week. Galleries, remodelled in 1991. are used for temporary exhibi-

The schools, where 60 postgraduate students work, are behind the scenes. The lifetions. The academy's most class room has recently been prized possession. Michelanrefurbished. There is also a gelo's The Virgin and Child library housing documents on the history of art and a print with the Infant St John, is on

Surrounded by riches, staff await news of their fate

By Kathryn Knight

STAFF at the Royal Academy Mretted over their future yesterday near one of Britain's most valuable permanent

sculpture Madonna and Child with the Infant St John is worth at least £50 million. Visitors carried evening newspapers reporting a financial crisis. The glimpsed headlines were the first real news of any problem for some of the 196 employees at the Academy's grand buildings in Piccadilly. As crowds of school parties and tourists jostled their way through three exhibitions, the staff were muted and fretful. Many were initially astonished when told of the Academy's financial plight, and too fearful to comment at length. Those who did were angry that they had not been informed directly.

"I think most of us had an inkling there were financial iproblems because we were all



with Infant St.John

being asked to work extra days and extra shifts," one ticket collector said. "It is general knowledge that money is short here and belts are being tightened, but these

figures are astronomical. Another said: "The least we can hope for now is that our

In one section of an upstairs entrance hall, raffle tickets are sold to raise funds. In three months, ticket sales have gathered about £20,000. There are three paying exhibitions: Living Bridges, a dis-play of models and designs for a new inhabited bridge in London; Alberto Giacometti, a display of works by the Swiss sculptor and painter, and artist's drawings from the Thaw Collection. Tickets cost £5 for each exhibition, although a package ticket is £9.

Many visitors yesterday said they would be prepared to pay a higher entrance fee. Jossi Mordal, from Norwa who visits every year, said: "It is a major attraction for tourists. I see no reason why they cannot up the prices to help them — people think nothing of paying four times

as much for a night at the theatre or a concert."

Diane Radleigh from Lud-low, Shropshire, hoped that the Academy would not be "horribly commercialised". She said: "I can just see it the Royal Academy Hotel. It would be a classic symbol of national decline if we cannot keep this lovely institution



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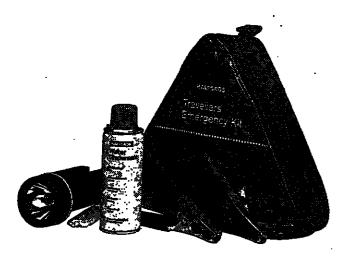


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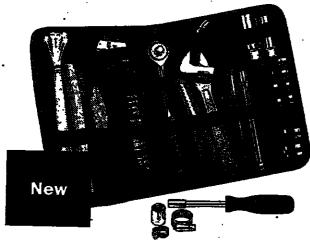
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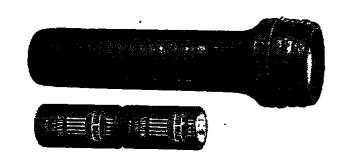
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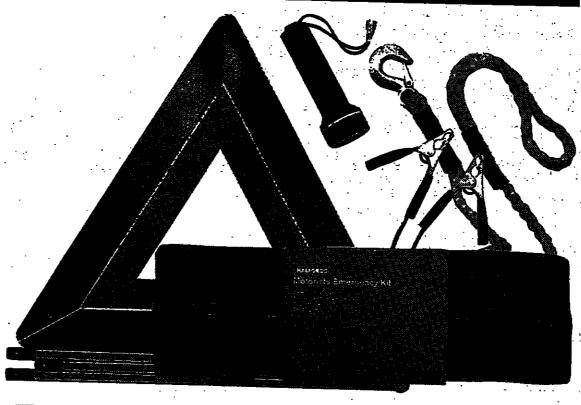
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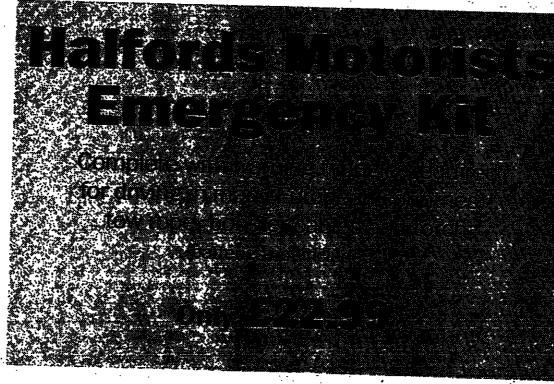
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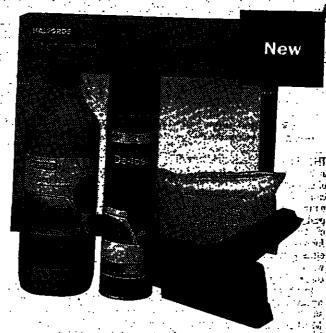
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THE Home Secretary has said

he will consider carefully a

request for a fresh inquiry into

the Hillsborough disaster in

the light of concerns raised by

a television drama-documen-

tary screened on Thursday.

new inquiry by Kathy Ellis of Carlisle, the daughter of one of

the victims, yesterday. The

Home Secretary told her: "I will look at this letter and any

other communication I receive

and I will consider it very

Richard Wells, Chief Con-

stable of South Yorkshire

Police, which took most of the

blame for the tragedy in which 96 fans died, yesterday found

imself in an argument with

e families of the victims and

their supporters. Mr Wells

had said that on his first

viewing of the Granada TV

programme he saw "nothing

new". He promised, however:

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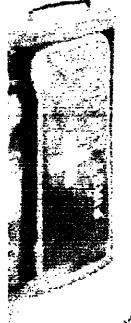


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Howard considers fresh inquiry on Hillsborough

dence supporting its case. Trevor Hicks, the group's chairman, who lost his daughters Sarah and Vicky in the disaster and whose marriage has since broken up, said it was enough for a jury to alter the inquest verdict of acciden-Michael Howard was handed a letter asking for a

The film touched on missing videotapes of crowd scenes at the ground and witness statements being changed. It also highlighted the families' claim that a security camera covering the pens where the fans were crushed as the crowd surged was working, contrary to statements at the time.

The inquest was told that preventing police in the stadium control room seeing that the pens were full as they decided to open the gates to relieve pressure from outside.

Roger Houldsworth, a technician who installed and maintained the camera at the Sheffield Wednesday ground, has signed an affidavit saying that the camera was functioning. Mr Hicks said: "If Mr Houldsworth is right, other people must be wrong. We are calling on the Home Secretary

> too'. It is now time to move on." He said that his force had reservations about the programme when they met its makers a years ago and declined to assist them. "We were concerned about Jimmy McGovern's ability to be objective about a subject on which he confesses to deeply held views.

to investigate. We would like a

criminal investigation into

perjury, collusion and possi-bly perverting the course of

Jimmy McGovern, the writ-

er of the programme, said:
"Now everyone knows there is
a lot of evidence that contra-

dicts what the police have

said. The programme accused South Yorkshire Police of the

greatest incompetence since the Keystone Kops and all the

Chief Constable can say is

Dr Stefan Popper, the coro-

ner who conducted the in-quests, said the accidental death verdicts returned on

those who died did not close

the door to criminal prosecu-

tions, but he believed a new

inquest would be futile

because of the limitations on

Chief Constable of South Yorkshire in 1990, said: My

approach has always been

that this was an avoidable dis-

aster. The South Yorkshire

Police have stood up since I

took command and acknowl-

edged our part in the tragedy. I have repeatedly said sorry.

but we want other parties to

say, 'Yes we are part of this

Mr Wells, who became

coroners' courts.

there is nothing new."

"Claims about missing video tapes and changed statements were all issues that were known about and dealt with in an above-board fashion in the earlier hearings."



In which Pooh and Piglet find a fortune

Piglet going Woozle hunting fetched a record £80.500, well in excess of the estimated £10,000-£15,000, at Christie's in London yesterday. Four E.H. Shepard illustrations of the A. A. Milne characters, drawn for the 1926

£216,200. Each had been estimated to make between £8,000 and £12,000. The prices overshadowed Beatrix Potter, whose Hunca Munca and Peter Rabbit fetched £5,750 (estimate £2,000-£4,000).

Lawyers told to inform on bad-risk clients

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

warn mortgage companies if clients who are would-be borrowers are unlikely to be able to meet their payments, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The test case affects the large majority of residential mortgage transactions, in which a solicitor acts on behalf of both the borrower and the lender. The judgment means that lawyers cannot be bound by confidentiality if they discover that the potential bor-rower is a bad risk.

The Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, which will have to meet the costs of the case, is expected to appeal because more than 1,000 similar cases are pending, involving trans-actions worth millions of pounds.

The case concerned a loan of £91,000, granted in 1989 by the National Home Loans Corporation, to homeowners in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire. The owners had obtained a £58,500 mortgage in 1986 from the Halifax Building Society and had remortgaged the property for £71,000 with the Tamar Mortgage Company Number One in 1988. They fell £4,000 behind with

their repayments, but did not disclose this when they obtained a second remortgage from the National Home Loans Corporation. Their sothroughout were Giffen Couch and Archer, of Leighton Buzzard, which also acted for the corporation. Fe-

SOLICITORS have a duty to licity Butler, the solicitors' conveyancing executive, knew that the owners had fallen behind with repayments and had been threatened with eviction, but told the court that she assumed the mortgage company had made its own inquiries and was aware of the arrears. She believed that the corporation "was the type of lender that would lend to borrowers who would be considered more risky . . . ! would not have thought the fact that the borrowers were in arrears would have been of any con-

> The judge, Graeme Hamilton, QC, disagreed. "The solicitor does not necessarily know whether any - and, if so, what - investigations have been carried out," he said. "In this case the defendant's solicitor did not know. It follows this important piece of infor-mation should have been passed on."

The owners defaulted on payments, and, because house prices fell shortly afterwards, the corporation was unable to recover all its losses. The judge awarded £80,000 damages against the solicitors, saying that the loss was caused by the corporation "embarking upon a course of action upon which it would not have embarked had it been given the correct information. The duty in this case is to supply information."

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£28,000 award over racial discrimination upheld

Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire,

and Trevor Hicks, of the Hillsborough family group

HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service has lost an attempt to reduce damages of £23,000 awarded to a black employee over racial discrimination. An employment appeal tribunal upheld the level of damages won by Claude Johnson, a prison auxiliary officer, after finding it was the worst case its members had

In its ruling, published yesterday, the appeal tribunal said that while the award to Mr Johnson, 27, announced 'jst year, was "larger than any ry to feelings", it was appro-

This was a campaign of discrimination over a period in excess of 18 months involving exposure to humiliation. ostracism, ridicule and contempt at the respondent's [Mr Johnson's] place of work."

Mr Johnson, who works at Brixton jail, was ostracised by other employees there after complaining about a black prisoner being attacked by a number of officers. He was no longer asked to play cricket with colleagues or join them for a drink. After complaining

treatment, for six months he was given less overtime than

white colleagues.

An officer told Mr Johnson, who was born in Britain, to "sing because all you guys can sing". On another occasion he was told to run with some bags because "all you guys are

Mr Johnson, who has been employed by the Prison Service since 1989 and earns El2.000 a year, had been awarded £20,000 for injury to his feelings plus £7,500 aggravated damages and a further £1.000 damages.





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Government on brink of ordering new cattle cull

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

of older cattle is expected next week, raising hopes of a relaxation of the European Union ban on British beef.

Plans for the cull were discussed with a delegation from the European Parliament, which visited Britain to assess the effectiveness of measures to protect public health against BSE.

Lord Plumb, leader of the Tory MEPs, hinted strongly that an announcement was imminent after the visit ended yesterday. "I am hoping that in a matter of days we should be getting some announcement on this." he said.

Philip Whitehead, Labour MEP for Staffordshire and Derby, said that a lifting of the beef ban would be much more probable" if the Government gave the go-ahead for the

selective cull. The European Parliament delegation inspected abattoirs and rendering plants. They met Roger Freeman, the Cabinet minister in charge of co-ordinating BSE policy, Ministry of Agriculture officials, scientists, farmers' leaders and consumer groups.

The slaughter of up to 147,000 cattle identified as being most at risk of develop-



Plumb: hoping for an

APPROVAL for a selective cull ing BSE was agreed at the EU summit in Florence last June but the Government put the cull on hold in September, voicing doubts about its scientific justification. .

Some 1.2 million cattle have been incinerated under a separate scheme to keep those more than 30 months old out of the food chain. This was aimed at restoring consumer confidence rather than speed-ing the eradication of BSE. Cattle under 30 months old are regarded as the least likely to have eaten the infected meal thought to have caused BSE.

The selective cull would involve older cattle, mainly dairy cows, reared alongside animals that have already died of BSE and likely to have eaten the same feed.

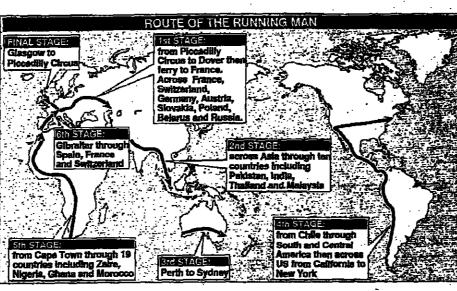
Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-ture Minister, still disputes the scientific grounds for the selective cull but is understood to have been persuaded by the political arguments.

Lord Plumb said he believed

the selective cull should involve about 100,000 animals. less than the original number because some would already have been killed under the over-30-months scheme. lan Gardiner, policy director of the National Farmers' Union. said: "A cull of close to 100,000 animals would be about right, and we want the the Government to get on with it."

Compensation for farmers could top £100 million. The cost per cow would be high because many animals would still have years of milking and calving left in them.

The European Parliament delegation was impressed by the BSE safeguards in place. Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf, a German MEP. said the export ban would not have been needed had the measures been enforced with rigour from the outset.



See you in three years, says jogger on a lap of the world

ROBERT GARSIDE sets out for a jog this morning with the world at his feet. He plans a 33,000-mile route. which would make him the first person to run round the globe, returning home just in time

for the big New Year's Eve celebrations in December psychology graduate Stockport, Greater Manchester, expects to wear out about 50 pairs of running shoes. His timetable includes freezing Russian winters and the scorching Saharan sun. And he has no back-up tearn: he plans to run alone, carrying his survival gear in a 27-

litre rucksack. "My biggest fear is not physical hardship, but loneliness," Mr Garside. 29, said yesterday. He will be kissing goodbye to his girlfriend, Joanna Souter, 20, for his

farewell from Piccadilly Circus for the first leg through where he can:

western Europe. "I am as gregarious as anybody. I hope the relation-ships and friendships I have on the way will help. But I am a moving entity, transient to say the least, so I am just ing to have to make do with that. Running is my life and this is the ultimate challenge." He hopes to raise £2 million

for Greenpeace through the Running Man Millennium Appeal, which involves the furthest distance ever run. He will report at the police stations of every town he runs through to help The Guinness Book of Records to verify his logbook. He hopes that his presence will go before him and that well-wishers — some of them charting his progress via the Internet - will offer

him overnight accommoda-

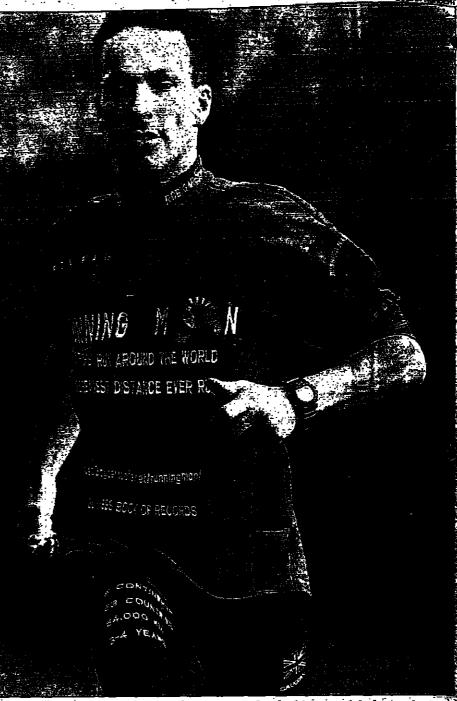
tion. If not, he will be sleeping

In the new year, he hopes to cross Poland, Belarus and Russia, where temperatures are expected to drop to minus 40C. He has a Himalayan survival suit, weighing almost two kilos, for overnight stops. There is also a lighter double hooped bivvy-bag for the warmer climates of Asia. Australia, the Americas and Africa. His kit also includes a 3.2 litre water container, a wearable mosquito net.

Walkman and two tapes.
On a trial 2,000-kilometre
run across southern Africa, he encountered wild baboons and poisonous snakes, but it showed that a target of up to 40 miles a day is feasible, he

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Robert Garside on a final practice run yesterday for his transglobal marathon;

Scientists itching to get secret of midge's love bites

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WHEN a female biting midge says No she really means Yes, scientists studying their courtship ritual have

Researchers discovered that the females, including those of that vicious scourge of Scottish holiday-makers the Highland midge, check the health of an eager male by putting up a struggle. Dr Alison

Dundee said yesterday: "The female is, it appears, assessing the fitness of the male by the vigour of his response to her unreceptive behaviour. This wrestling can carry on for a couple of minutes, which is quite a long time

The researchers have also found that starving a male keeps him keen. at least in the midge world. "Starved males are the keenest to mate, presumably because they are runsomething now or never.

The message is: if you want peak sexual form, starve him," said Dr Blackwell, whose studies have been carried out with Jacqui Mair, a postgraduate at the university. The findings, details of which will be disclosed later this month at a meeting of the British Ecological Society at Durham University, have come from studies of the common biting midge, which lives on farmland and feeds off cattle, and the Highland midge. While farmland midges tussle on land the females of the Highland species tussle in-flight. The males swarm and then the wrestling process goes on in the air."

Dr Blackwell said. "Then they fall to the ground and finish it off."

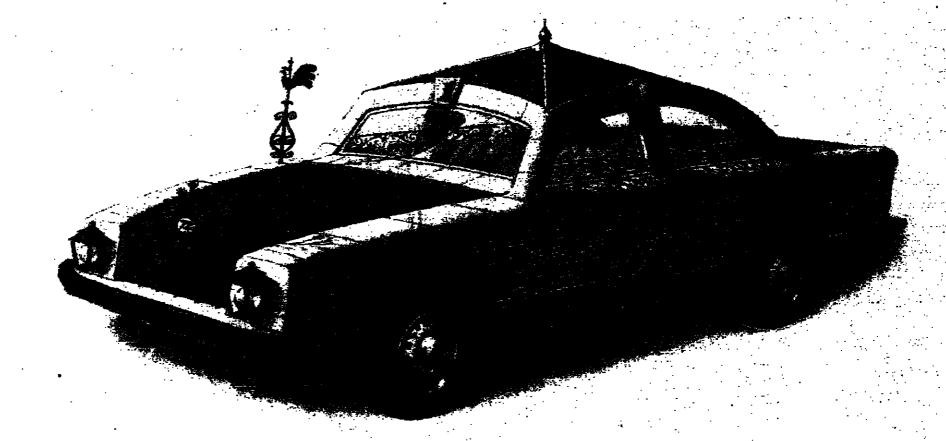
By studying the courtship ritual, the scientists hope to discover a way of controlling the Highland midge. The bloodsucking insect has been known to clear whole campsites

overnight and ruin many a fine fishing holiday. It is even claimed they stopped a train on the hill out of Achnasheen in the Highlands his swarming on the rails in such numbers the locomotive lost its grip. Dr Blackwell said there was clearly a female chemical or pheromone involved in initiating courtship and mating. By isolating the active ingredient it might be possible to develop ways of luring the males into traps to

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British soccer fans shot in Vienna's red light district

By DANIEL McGrory

TWO Manchester United supporters were shot early yesterday morning after staying on in Vienna to celebrate the team's European Cup victory. One of the men was said to have been critically injured.

Austrian police said that

Steven Daye, 33, and Christopher McKenna, 32, were amputer meacuria, 32, were ambushed from a passing car.
Two other fans escaped unhurt in the attack, which may have followed an argument in a bar in Vienna's red light

A police spokesman said Mr Daye, from Chadderton, Greater Manchester, was "seriously injured and is in danger of his life". He was in intensive care at the Danube Hospital after a three-hour operation. Doctors also operated on Mr McKenna to

remove a bullet from his leg. Detectives later interviewed Mr McKenna, from Blackley, Greater Manchester, about the incident, and British diplomats spoke to the two fans who escaped unhurt, Joseph Vickers, 38, and Paul O'Neill; , 30, to try to discover why they were attacked.

Speaking from his hospital bed, Mr McKenna told the Manchester Evening News. The four of us were just chatting and laughing when suddenly car windows and shop windows around us shattered. The next thing I knew A police spokesman said: Steven and I were lying on the "They were shot at from Steven and I were lying on the floor with blood everywhere."

someone in the car, but we do

not know what sort of weapon

argument was about but we

do not think it was about

football. It may have been

about money or girls. It must have been serious. We do not

normally have shootings here.

Sidney Daye said his broth-

er Steven was an avid fan of Manchester United and went

to all the team's games, at

The club said last night that

it was shocked and sad-

dened" by the attack and was

co-operating with the Foreign

Office and the Austrian au-

thorities in the investigation. A

spokesman said: The match itself passed off peacefully.

There was a good atmosphere

both in and around the stadi-

um with supporters of both

teams exchanging pennants

and other souvenirs.

it was.

It is peaceful."

home and abroad.

Despite an assertion by the British Embassy that the at-tack followed a vocal altercation" with Austrian fans, Mr McKenna said the United fans had got on well with the locals, even though Rapid Vienna had lost 2-0 on Wednesday.

day and had been out celebrat-ing, but didn't go overboard and decided to go back to the hotel because our flight left at 4am." Mr McKenna, who has been told that he may have to remain in hospital for a week, said: "I have no idea why we were attacked."

An employee at the Piccolo Sauna bar, a sprawling, neon-lit establishment featuring ex-otic dancers, remembered the United fans arriving with two Austrians who were well known in the area and sharing several drinks before an argument began. The barman said: When the argument got too loud they were all told to leave. The British went first, followed by the Austrians." -

The United fans said that as they stood on the pavement a white Mercedes slowed and a gunman leaned from a win-dow and fired a volley of shots.



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The doll, with its slightly sinister echoes of the film The Stepford Wives, in which the men in a small town replace their wives with life-size computerised models, is not available in Britain but can be ordered from America. Gerry Masters, of the British Association of Toy Retailers, said yesterday: "It sounds sick, but there's no accounting for American bad taste."



Of all the victims of the millionaire American con-man Armand Hammer, the most poignant were his mistress, Bettye Jean Murphy, and their secret daughter, Victoria

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Footballer fined for brawl in restaurant

A SOCCER star caught on video throwing chairs across a restaurant was fined £4,500 yesterday. Two staff were injured in the attack by Lee Bowyer, an England under-21 international, and two friends at a drive-in McDonald's.

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Keith Grant, the magistrate, told Bowyer that he had narrowly escaped fail. This clearly was a disgraceful incident and that is confirmed by what I have seen on the video.
It took place in a public place.



throwing chairs at staff

People were put in fear," Mr Bowyer, 19, who plays for

the Premiership side Leeds United, admitted a charge of affray at Thames Magistrates' Court, London, last month. Yesterday he was also ordered to pay a total of £175 to the two McDonald's staff. Leeds United had fined him £4,000.

Ben Bonnici and John Nwikpo, both 19, were fined £600 and £400 respectively for their part in the incident on the Isle of Dogs, east London,

Stephen Pollard, for Bow er, told the court that the footballer was of excellent character and that there had been provocation from one of the staff, who was seen on the video waving a metal bar.

Mr Pollard said that Bowyer's strength of character had been demonstrated by the way the midfielder had played for Leeds United in the Premiership match against Chelsea last Sunday. "He was extremely fearful of today's appearance but he gave his all," Mr Pollard said.



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Time's up for Liffey clock lost in slime

BY AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DUBLIN'S attempt to count down the seconds to the millennium by installing an underwater clock has fallen foul of the murky waters of the

River Liffey.

The E250,000 digital timepiece, funded by the National
Lottery, was submerged in the
river in March to count down
to the millennium. But within
days nobody could read the
nine neon digits. Algal bloom,
attracted by the clock's light
and heat, took root, turning
the clock into a fuzzy yellow
haze. Dubliners peering into
the Liffey from O'Connell
Bridge quickly dubbed it "the

chime in the slime".

It was lifted out of the water in August before the annual Liffey swim and was never put back. Yesterday the lottery admitted that the clock was heading for the scrapheap. Paula McEvoy, a spokeswomap, said: "I still think it is a beautiful idea, but maybe an idea that is ahead of its time."

The underwater installation was chosen from 30 submissions by architects, designers and artists for the National Lottery Countdown 2000 competition. A judging panel decided that the clock was the most innovative and interesting idea.

The six-torme, flat, rectangular clock was powered by electricity transmitted via underwater cables. It was turned on with much razznatazz on March 15, with 119 million seconds left to count. About 10,000 people gathered along the walls of the Liffey to see it light up, but few have managed to see it since.

The lottery spent almost four months deliberating what should be done with the slime-ridden clock. Ms McEvoy said the expense of scraping algae off it until 2000 would be more than it cost to build and install.

Grainne Hassett, one of the two Dublin-based architects behind the design, insisted that the clock "worked spectacularly well and looked fabulous". She added that the algal problems could be solved with more time and research. "We have had calls from all over the world about putting clocks into rivers, so maybe, we will find a buyer."

Time's up | The families with courage at their heart

Battle to raise funds and save children

By JOHN YOUNG

NATHAN BUTCHER, aged six, lay in the paedriatic intensive care ward at Guy's Hospital after a heart bypass operation. His small body was drugged and wired to a mass of medical equipment.

That was last Monday. Less than 72 hours later he was up, dressed, talking, laughing and attending school classes in another part of the building. Yesterday, his sister Katie, 4 came to visit. Barring a relapse, Nathan should be able to go home next week—his father, Chris, is keen to take him fishing.

Nathan, from Paddock

Wood, Kent, was diagnosed at birth as suffering from aortic stenosis, a malfunction of the aortic valve. A heart murmur had been detected during pregnancy, and he was born six weeks early by Caesarean section.

Three weeks later, while he was still in hospital, he became breathless, and a small balloon was inserted into the valve and inflated to keep it open. Since then, according to his mother, Sally, he has led a normal, physically active life but, during a routine check-up earlier this year, a scan disclosed that he would soon need a more complex operation. They decided to operate before he became ill. Mrs Butcher said yesterday.

Nathan's story exemplifies the astonishing progress of the Evelina Children's Hospital, the paediatric unit of the Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital Trust in southeast London, in treating heart complaints that only a few years ago would have been considered inoperable.

But the costs are high, money is a constant problem and, at the very time when Nathan was on the operating table, dectors, nurses and parents of other children who have survived heart operations were gathered in a hospital courtyard to release a stream of red and blue balloons to publicise an appeal for funds.

Among them was Laura McConmack and her 16month-old son, Conor, from



Beating the odds: Nathan Butcher, 6, lies in intensive care, with his mother Sally at his bedside. Three days later, he was up and about

CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Woolwich, southeast London. Born a month early by Caesarean section, Conor has not had the easiest start in life, with a cleft palate and a club foot as well as his deformed heart. He suffers regular chest infections and has made several return visits. Given his handicaps, he looks remarkably fit and happy. Mrs McCormack said: "When I

was first told about Conor's condition, it didn't really sink in until 1 saw the surgeon later. I was scared of giving birth because of the thought that he might not live, but we decided to go ahead."

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Another patient, Andrew Kerry, was born just over a year ago. When his heart condition was detected by scan in the twentieth week of pregnancy, his parents Colin and Caroline Kerry felt devastated. Mr Kerry said: "I tried to find out as much as I could, which wasn't encouraging. The operation had not then been performed successfully.

"We were faced with three choices: abortion, going ahead with the birth but refusing surgery, or agreeing to the operation." They chose surgery, but Mrs Kerry said: "I think any choice would have been very difficult. If I had been a single mother, without the love and support

of a husband, I am sure it would have been very different."

Max Webb, aged six weeks, was back at Guy's with his parents. Kim and Martyn, and his older sister, Martha. Mrs Webb was tested during pregnancy for abnormal chromosomes in the foetus. She was given the all clear and was six months' pregnant before she learnt of her baby's heart condition.

She said: "He was kicking away in my stomach and aiready he seemed to be a personality in his own right. So we decided to let fate take its course. With six months gone and only three to go, we felt we should let him take his

"Once a child is born, ! don't think the third possibility, just letting it die, is ever really on. You just want to give it every chance and, my God. I'm glad we did."

GP given community service

NEWS IN BRIEF

A GP convicted of child pornography charges was yesterday given 120 hours' community service by West Wiltshire magistrates, who also ordered the destruction of Dr John Payne's home computer equipment and back-up disks. Payne, 49, of Warminster, had admitted using a telephone to transmit and receive a pornographic image, and possessing indecent images of children on disk. He is facing disciplinary action by the General Medical Council.

Farmer killed

A farmer trying to put down a sick cow died when his humane killer went off and hit him in the chest, police said yesterday. Michael Spencer, SI, was trying to escape from a pen at Wiston, Pembrokeshire, after the cow became aggressive.

Vintage opening

Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, took the wheel of a vintage lorry to break the tape and open the extension to the M77 in southwest Glasgow, amid tight security. Environmentalists had protested for two years, trying to save trees in the path of the road.

Taught a lesson

A dangerous driver banned for IS months after colliding with a fellow student has had 384 hours' labour imposed on him by the Royal Agricultural College. James Painter, 20, will help in pensioners' gardens and plant daffodils at Cheltenham Racecourse.

Gold letter day

Britain's first gold stamps are to be issued next year to commemorate the Queen's fiftieth wedding anniversary. The first class stamps, printed using a new technique, will be sold in books of ten from April 21, the Queen's seventy-first birthday.

Team loyalty

THE officers of the destroyer HMS Newcastle have incorporated the black and white stripes of Newcastle United Football Club into their formal evening wear. Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, the team's sponsor, is supplying 30 cummerbunds.

Schoolboy stabs cyclist in back

A CYCLIST needed emergency surgery after being stabled in the back by a schoolboy as he pedalled away from traffic lights. Matthew Pogson, 21, received a 6in wound in the unprovoked attack.

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The stabbing came after two

boys, aged 13 or 14, taunted Mr Pogson, the father of a five month-old son, when he stopped at lights in Portsmouth on his way home from work on Thursday evening.

As Mr Pogson pulled away

he heard one of the boys

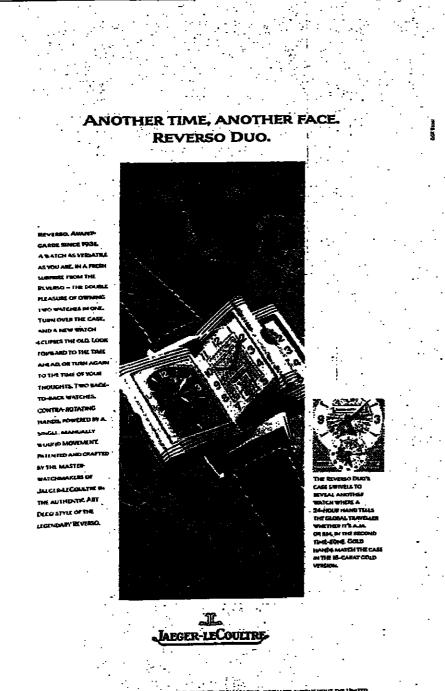
chasing after him on foot. Within seconds the schoolboy had plunged the knife into his

Doctors told Mr Pogson he was lucky to be alive. Yesterday his condition was described as stable.

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Coastline gems first to be protected by conservation funds

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE sea caves and seals of the areas moneys to support con-Northumberland coast, the dolphins of Cardigan Bay and the soft coral sea-fans off Devon are to be better protected, thanks to a big conservation grant from the European

Twelve coastal sites have become the first in Europe to get backing under the Commission's Life-Nature programme in recognition of the international importance of their wildlife. A network of marine and land-based areas, called Natura 2000 sites, are being designated across the Continent, of which these British ones will form part.

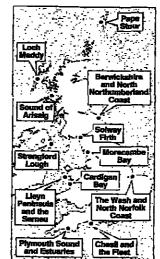
The funds — £2 million from the Commission, matched by £2 million from British nature agencies — will allow regional task forces to draw up action plans aimed at preserving the sites from threats such as development, fishing and pollution. They will also pay for the mapping of reefs, bays and estuaries, and the monitoring of rare plants such as soft

Dr Derek Langslow, chief executive of English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisers, said: "This is a major boost for our marine conservation work within England and the United Kingdom. It will enable us to give the organ-

servation work, and it should ensure that such areas remain a source of inspiration for us and future generations."

In England, five sites called Special Areas of Conservation have won backing. The areas include the North Northumberland Coast, noted for its sea caves, breeding population of grey seals on the Farne Islands, and Arctic species such as the wolf fish.

A management plan could help to create a better balance between the traditional interests of fishermen, who net migratory salmon, and the



also conflicts between the interests of wildfowlers and water sports enthusiasts, and the needs of the birdlife. Other sites in England in-

needs of the seals. There are

clude Morecambe Bay, and also the Wash and north Norfolk coast, which is noted for its common seal populations, waders and wildfowl, insect life and large expense of unspoilt salt marshes. Another is the Plymouth Sound and related estuaries, noted for their submerged sandbanks and species such as the pinky-white sea fans that normally thrive in warm

In Scotland, several sites the Berwickshire coast, Loch Maddy, Papa Stour, the Solway Firth and the Sound of Arisaig — are to be given funding. In Northern Ireland. Stranford Lough, which is noted for its spectacular sheltered waters, has been picked.

In Wales, Cardigan Bay and its famous bottlenose dolphin population, the Lleyn Peninsula and the Sarnau special area of conservation, will also benefit from the funding. The latter is noted for Sarn Badrig, also known as St Patrick's Causeway. It is an example of moraine, a heap of glacial rubble left after the last loe Age, and is the only one in



Festival of lights: many people holding candles gathered for the lighting of the giant menorah in Union Square, San Francisco

Rekindling the light of sustaining faith

Jonathan Sacks

oday is the second day of Hanukkah, the Jewish "festival of lights". For eight nights we light the menorah -- a candelabrum similar to that which once burnt in the Temple in Jerusalem beginning with a single candle and each night adding an extra light. It is a simple, light-hearted festival, but beneath its surface is a complex story

Hanukkah commemorates events more than 2,000 years ago, after the conquests of Alexander the Great. Israel came under Greek rule, first by the Ptolemies, then the Seleucids. Initially the Greeks dazzled with their military prowess, art and philosophy. But the Seleucid rulers, with some Jewish sympathisers, started to force the pace of cultural assimilation. Funds were diverted from the Temple. A statue of Zeus was erected in

Jerusalem. Jewish observance was

increasingly frowned on. In 167 BC a

set of repressive decrees was issued,

of history and hope.

in effect forbidding the practice of Jewish ritual. This was more than many Jews could bear, and it led to rebellion. A handful of pietists, clustered

around the family of the priest Matthias Hasmon and his son Judah the Maccabee, began the fight for liberty. Vastly outnumbered, they suffered heavy initial casualties, but within three years they had scored a momentous victory. Jerusalem was restored to Jewish hands. The Temple was rededicated. Harrukkah, which means "dedication"; was established as a festival to perpetuate the memory of those days.

The significance of Hanukkah. however, was not immediately apparent. At first it seemed to represent a story of military courage. Jews had regained their freedom and political independence. That is how

the story is related in the First Book of Maccabees. There was, however, another narrative, altogether different in tone. This told of

how when the Maccabees entered the Temple they found a single undefiled cruse of oil with which they were able to relight the Temple candelabrum. Miraculously, it burned for eight days instead of one, and it is this we recall when we light the menorah in

Some two centuries later the Jews Israel faced another adversary: imperial Rome. This time, rebellion went disastrously wrong. The Temple was destroyed and Jerusalem laid waste. In the prevailing mood of despair there was a proposal to abolish Hanukkah. There seemed nothing left to celebrate.

It was then that the second story, of the cruse of oil, emerged as the

enduring religious symbol. It embodied the truth of which the prophet Zechariah spoke when he said: "Not by strength nor by might, but by my spirit, says the Lord."

udaism could survive without power so long as it successively rekindled the light of faith. Like the oil, the Jewish people would renew itself. Its light would not be extinguished. This faith sustained Jewry through some of the harshest trials faced by a people. It is why there are Jews today.

Hanukkah is less a tale of victory than a story of hope. The menoral stands for the strength, greater than ourselves, which at times of pain or persecution gives us the courage to continue. The Book of Proverbs calls the human spirit the "lamp of God". That is what we light on Hanukkah. The miracle is that in the intervening centuries it has never ceased to burn

Medal for saving Monty found

BY JOANNA BALE

A BRAVERY medal awarded to a private who saved Viscount Montgomery of Alamein when he was a young lieutenant in the First World War has returned to his family 40 years after going missing.

Edward Darlow was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal after rescuing the injured Montgomery from a battlefield in France near the Belgian border. Mr Darlow's

grandson William, of Reading, Berkshire, paid £2,100 at auction - four times the guide price — to restore the medal to the family. It had disappeared after his grandfather's death in 1955, and its whereabouts were a mystery until last week, when it was sold anonymousin London.

Mr Darlow said: "I am proud of my grandfather and thought it important the medal was returned to our family." With the medal was a 1945

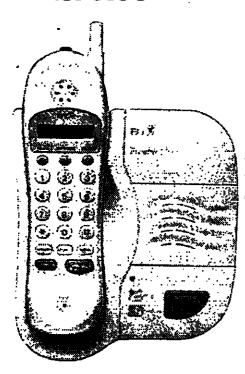
newspaper cutting describing how, after rescuing their badly-wounded commanding officer, Mr Darlow and a colleague returned under fire to the battlefield at Meteren. Mr Darlow, who was 21 and

serving with the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment. wrote: "Most of the officers and men were badly wounded. Lieutenant Montgomery was one of them and I recall

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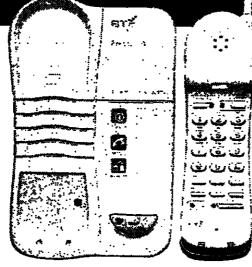
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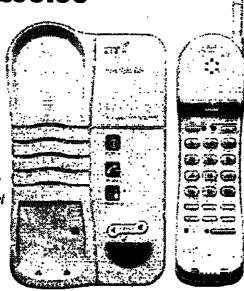


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Heritage status for Hiroshima dome angers Americans

From James Bone in New York

IROSHIMA'S atom-bomb me has been added to nesco's list of World Herige sites, despite American

A 21-nation committee es-blished under the 1972 /orld Heritage Convention icluded the controversial meiorial among 37 new sites esignated at its annual meetig in Mérida, Mexico. The new sites also include

ne 13th-century Cologne canedral in Germany, a Gothic nasterpiece damaged by Aled bombing during the war. The United States and Britin are no longer members of he Paris-based UN Educaional. Scientific and Cultural

Organisation, which oversees

World Heritage sites, but they are among the 147 signatories of the convention under which the sites are chosen.

Washington complained about the selection of the ruined Gebhaku Dome in Hiroshima which lay directly beneath the epicentre of the first atomic bomb and dissociated itself from the decision.

"The United States is con-cerned about the lack of historical perspective in the nomination of the Genbaku Dome," a US statement said. The events antecedent to the United States' use of atomic weapons to end the Second World War are the key to understanding the tragedy of



Pakistan poll law tests for honesty

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

MOST Pakistani candidates could be barred from the coming parliamentary polls under tough new election

Any examination of the period leading up to 1945 should be placed in the appro-

priate historical context," the

statement said, adding that Washington considered the

designation of war sites be-

The dome which now stands in the middle of a peace

park in Hiroshima, was pro-

posed by the Japanese Gov-

ernment. The only other Second World War site on the

World Heritage list is the former Nazi death camp at

Unesco officials said the

Japanese memorial had been

chosen as a "stark and power-

half a century following the unleashing of the most de-

structive force ever created by

stand for," said a Unesco spokesman. "In the United

States, for instance, the Statue

of Liberty is there. It's not

Michelangelo's David. It's what it stands for."

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sites. They are the Giant's

Causeway: Durham Castle

and cathedral; the Ironbridge

Gorge: Studley Royal Park;

Gwynedd: St Kildare Island;

Tower of London: Canterbury

cathedral, and Edinburgh.

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The Representation of People law decreed by President Farooq Leghari requires candidates to be sagacious, righteous, non-profligate, honest and taxpayers. There are few among the country's ex-presidents, generals or politi-cians who meet all the conditions. The elections are scheduled for February 3.

The law makes it compul-sory for a candidate to declare family assets and income tax paid. Those who have not paid. taxes, utility bills, or who have defaulted on loan repayments or had them written off, will be barred. False declarations will be punishable by five years' imprisonment.

Fakharuddin Ebrahim, the caretaker Law Minister, said a list of politicians who have defaulted on bank loans or had them written off would be supplied to the election com-

The Government would also publish the candidates' declarations of assets. The minister said that those elected would have to declare their income and wealth every year to keep their seats.

Few of the politicians who have controlled Pakistan's political scene for the last five decades since the creation of the country have paid tax. President Leghari, one of the country's biggest landlords, does not pay any. A recent report revealed that many former MPs owed huge amounts to governmentowned banks and financial



A mudslide sweeps through a construction site yesterday at the mountain village of Otari in Nagano, 125 miles northwest of Tokyo. Hundreds of police and firefighters sifted through tonnes of mud and snow searching for victims after two bodies were found

Mudslide in Japan kills 14

and another 12 people were reported missing. All 14 are thought to have died shortly after they were buried under

65ft of mud and rocks along the Kamaharasawa river, a police spokesman said. An amateur video taken by one worker showed three surges of rocks and mud crashing through the valley and gushing through a concrete channel to the river below. (AP)

WORLD

Cult gas target 'to rival Iraq'

Tokyo: Shoko Asahara, leader of the doomsday Aum Shin-rikyo cult and alleged mastermind of the nerve gas attack on the Tokyo underground, was possessed by an ambition to produce more nerve gas than Iraq, a former "disciple" sold a court here yesterday

(Robert Whymant writes). Shigeo Sugimoto, the guru's chauffeur, said in evidence that Mr Asahara ordered him in July 1994 to take chemicals to the cult's headquarters where scientists belonging to the cult produced the gas sarin which was used in the attack in March last year.

Southern India hit by cyclone

Machilipatnam, India: Heavy rain and 50 mph winds lashed India's southeast coast yesterday as an erratic tropical storm finally stopped circling around the Bay of Bengal and hit land, forcing thousands to fiee. The storm which at one point had winds of 125mph - changed course again and struck at Sriharikota, where India's rockets and satellites are launched. (AP)

Child sex inquiry head to resign

Sydney: Chris Hunt, the head of an inquiry into alleged paedophile activity in Australia's diplomatic service, has been ordered to stand down on the ground of perceived bias (Roger Maynard writes). The Federal Court ordered the action after it upheld an appeal from an officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

False start for Olympic team

Johannesburg: Members of the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission arrived in Cape Town to examine the city's bid to host the 2004 Olympics five hours late because a technica fault delayed the South African Airways jet from London (Ray Kennedy writes).

Ghana's voters set to deliver verdict on socialist who embraced IMF

By Sam Kiley IRICA CORRESPONDENT

GHANA'S flamboyant leader, Jer-y Raylings, takes his country to he pols today in a democratic test vhich will be as much a referen-BK'S ECOROT olicie in Africa as a challenge to is 14 years of leadership.

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gave up his air force rank of flight lieutenant, is expected to win the presidential race, but his party, the National Democratic Congress, is likely to perform poorly against a coalition of opposition parties in voting for the national assembly.

of the New Patriotic Party and the People's Convention Party will win between 70 and 80 seats in the 200-

member parliament, making it one for World Bank and International of the strongest legal oppositions in

Whether the alliance can win more seats will depend on how voters judge Ghana's economy. Although Mr Rawlings was drawn a military coup in 1982, he soon imposed a harsh austerity proMonetary Fund economic restructuring plans for other Third World countries. He freed Ghana's economy, cut government subsidies to ailing industries, and promised to slash the public-sector payroll.

has a 30 per cent rate of inflation. which Accra's independent Centre for Economic Policy Analysis predicts will increase to 70 per cent. Foreign investment, which has increased under Mr Rawlings, is still only half what it was in 1975. Ghanaians last voted in 1992.

The price for inflation is likely only to be felt after the elections. Then a strong opposition in parlia ment may seriously frustrate Mr Rawlings," a Western ambassador in Accra said yesterday.

John Kufour, a lawyer from the Ashanti region, will challenge Mr Rawlings for the presidency. He is backed by the New Patriotic Party but his running-mate, Kow Arkaah, Mr Rawlings's former Vice-President, is more likely to capture the onular imagination, having ac cused the President of kneeing him in the groin on his last Cabinet

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Bankruptcy looms as tide of scandal breaks over Miami

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

VIEWED from its splendid oceanfront setting, it is hard to comprehend how bankruptcy hangs over Miami City Hall. Luxury pleasure boats fill

the marinas and the city's wealthiest visitors sun themselves by the pools of the big hotels. But Miami is not what it seems. In the aftermath of a sordid civic scandal that saw the city manager, Miami's top administrator, arrested on bribery and corruption charges, local officials have uncovered a financial mess. The city, which has an annual budget of about \$200 million (£122 million), is missing at least \$68 million, maybe more. It could face bankruptcy as early as March and its once strong bond rating has sunk to

On Tuesday Lawton Chiles, Governor of Florida, declared the city to be in a state of financial emergency. His ac-tion came after city council members refused to take unpopular measures to raise revenue and reduce spending. A group of civic activists is abolished, allowing a takeover of its inefficiently run municipal services by the larger metropolitan authority of Dade County. Holiday operators fear that the scandal has pur another dent in Miami's international image, already plagued by tourist murders and one of the worst crime rates in America, racial tensions and severe economic

Instead of its glittering reputation for a five-star beach holiday. Miami looks more and more like a banana republic. What went wrong? Analysts point to a young city that got rich quick and out-grew its moral and financial ability to administer itself. City officials admit as much. This is a classic story of what

inequalities.

mismanagement and corruption will do to a city," said Joe Carollo, the city's Mayor, who was elected in July shortly before the crisis struck. "Before it is over, it will be a story that should be told to every municipal administrator so

Clinton to tone down re-election festivities

By Tom Rhodes

PRESIDENT Clinton has developed a case of mild humility in planning for his second inauguration next month. image, tourism officials say

Instead of his triumphant arrival in 1993, Mr Clinton and his wife. Hillary, are expected to take an informal stroll down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House after he is sworn in as the first reelected Democrat since Frank-

The ceremonies, involving performances by Jessye Nor-man, Barbra Streisand and Miller Williams, the Arkansas poet and friend of the Clintons, will be modest compared with the \$33 million (£20.6 million) festival four years ago-

Barry Toiv, a White House official, said: "Mr Clinton is no longer a new President. He doesn't need an introduction.

The event also coincides with Martin Luther King Day and the ceremony will reflect Mr Clinton's wish to portray himself as a President for both black and white America.

The inauguration will be reduced to three days including the traditional swearing in on January 20, a date set in stone by the Constitution.

Mr Clinton has also been forced to swallow a certain amount of pride over his book, Between Ĥope and History, published in August, Little more than a compendium of the President's speeches, the volume appears to have been rather less popular with readers than he was with voters. Publishers expect to have between 250,000 and 350,000 copies returned to them out of the 492.891 printed.



Chelsea Clinton during a dress rehearsal of the Washington Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite at George Mason University in Virginia

Colombi peasants killed by vigilante

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA

PARAMILITARY groups w are terrorising rural Colomb yesterday left the bullet-r dled bodies of at least Andean peasants in ditch and fields around two village in northern and central

Locals in the northern fee growing village of To Viejo, in the department Sucre, woke at dawn to lin relatives or friends among 17 badly beaten bodies, which had been left in pits near rubbish dump. Some ha their hands tied behind the backs and "communist" wr ten in blood on their chests. Meanwhile villagers in

central mining district Boyaca found the bodies of bullet-riddled campesino or farmers, dumped in th fields around their homes with handwritten messa: saying: "We will kill reb sympathisers."

Police said the killings wen the work of vigilante groups which have proliferated in the past few months in remote rural areas. "All the evidence we have shows that these massacres are the work of the paramilitary groups who op-erate in the regions," said Enrique Ortega, commander of the police in Sucre. The police is the only force the public does not associate with human rights violations.

The paramilitaries, locally know as grupos le autosquads", were first et up and armed by the military in 1991 to help in the fight against leftwing rebels of the FARC (Revolutionary Arned Forces of Colombia.) A reent Hu-man Rights Watch eport said the military had received help from the CIA in setting up the

paramilitary groups However, the vigilante groups, often made up of the former bodyguards if convict-ed drug-traffickers, are illegal. They go around arrorising farming communities, accus-ing people of being left-wing rebels and performing public executions in village squares, said a Western dipomat in

Dozens of rival vigilante groups have sprouted in several areas, and human right groups say they are respons ble for the deaths of at leas 2,000 civilians. The group are often funded by rid businessmen in the coffee an mining districts who want "cleanse" their areas of gue

rilla activity. : "Landowners and lig bu nessmen want to eradica support for the rebits the exists in the poorer vilages they just go around killing a taking the law into their or hands," said the Wesern of ·lomat. ·



Miami's glittering image hides reality riddled with poverty and crime

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CIA chief vows to fight drugs and terrorism

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE last time Anthony Lake had a hand in covert surveiliance his telephones were tapped after he resigned from Richard Nixon's Government in protest at the invasion of

that the crisis does not affect

visitors to south Florida. Al-

though the urban area of

Miami has more than two

million residents in two dozen-

small city districts, only

365,000 live within Miami's

problem. Despite a financial

area of tall, flashy office build-

ings and a few wealthy water-

front districts, Miami is the

fourth poorest city in the

nation. A recent study found

that 31.5 per cent of the city population is living in poverty. The luxury blocks of flats on

Miami Beach. full of affluent

retired people, lie outside its city limits. Critics say that Miami is a city so obsessed

with its glamorous tourist

image abroad that it has

ignored its inner-city reality.

"No one has been asking, how

are we going to pay these bills,

how are we going to make this work," Robert Joffee, a Miami

political consultant, said. "No

one is thinking about the poor

Therein lies part of the

city limits.

Last night President Clinton's National Security Adviser was pondering his latest brush with American espionage as director-designate of the CIA, the sprawling and iered headquarters of American intelligence which has become a political graveyard since the end of the Cold War. Mr Lake, 57, will become the fifth director in as many years, reflecting not merely the devastation to the agency by two highly placed moles but also its apparent inability to chart a suitable course since the fall of the

Berlin Wall.

The spy game has changed radically in recent years. The CIA station ehief in Moscow now presents his credentials to the Russian intelligence service just as Russia's man in Washington identifies himself at Langley, the American

Dead-drop mailboxes have long been retired along with invisible ink and poisontipped canes. Most important-, in the words of a former director, the Soviet dragon has been replaced by a nest of highly poisonous snakes in terrorism, nuclear proliferation, ethnic conflicts and drugs trafficking. "I firmly believe that, in the

post-Cold War world, the role of the CIA is more important than ever in defending Americans against the threats of terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," Mr Lake said on accepting the new post, "and in giving the President the unvarnished facts on which he can base wise decisions in time of change and

A product of the East Coast foreign policy elite who, after four years as National Security Adviser, can justifiably claim to know what the Presi nts in terms of intell gence, Mr Lake should be the director for whom the CIA has always yearned. Intent on collegiality in the national security team, he will certainly bring the intelligence community closer to its power base at the White House. Although soft-spoken and professorial, he is seen by colleagues as a determined

bureaucratic infighter who

has always avoided the

Buf Mr Lake enters a CIA reeling from the aftermath of Aldrich Ames, the most damaging mole to work at the agency, and the recent discovery of Harold Nicholson, the most senior employee to be charged with spying for a foreign power. Allegations of dirty tricks in Guatemala and blacks that the CIA allor Nicaraguan crack dealers to target poor areas in Los Angeles to ensure funds for the Contra movement, have only made matters worse.

Although relations between the CIA and the Pentagon improved under John Deutch, the current director, his outspokenness and overarching ambition sealed his swift departure.



Lake: soft-snoken but determined infighter

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. West Bank disputes delay plan for summit

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

URGENT efforts to arrange a meeting between Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the head of the Palestinian Authority, to complete a deal on pulling Israeli forces out of Hebron ran into new prob-

lems last night.
Both leaders had separately expressed a willingness to meet, and negotiators from the Palestine Liberation Organisation had forecast that a threeway meeting involving the PLO. Israel and Egypt could take place in Cairo as early as tonight, under the chairmanship of President Mubarak.

Senior American officials... are convinced that face-to-face talks between the two men, who last met at the emergency Washington summit in September, are needed to over-come the final obstacles preventing the long-delayed deal to pull Israeli forces out of 80 per cent of Hebron, where 450 Jews live amid 120,000

Dennis Ross, the American special envoy to the Middle East who has been in charge of efforts to broker a Hebron accord, told reporters in Washington that final arrangements for a summit had not yet been completed. "The important thing is that they are talking about having a

meeting." he said.
Yesterday Mr Netanyahu
told his right-wing Cabinet:
"The negotiations on the issue of Hebron have been exhausted and it is possible to conclude the problems that are left by a meeting at the political level as long as the

other side does not at the last moment raise new obstacles. The true question is whether the Palestinian side is interested in reaching a conclusion."

With tensions in Hebron running high as thousands of Israelis make plans to travel there to join Jewish settlers on Tuesday to mark the festival of Hanukka, the PLO denounced the Israeli Government's suggestion that the deal was almost" done and that the Palestinians were stalling.

"That 'almost' had hidden within it several important, cardinal points which are still not agreed upon," Ahmed Tibi, the senior adviser to Mr Arafat told Israel radio. There is a signed agreement and the entire world knows that Yassir Arafat will never change the agreement."

Another adviser to the Paiestinian leader. Nabil Abu Rdainah, said: "President Arafat is ready to meet Prime Minister Netanyahu, but no time or date has been set.

After eight weeks of diplomatic haggling marked by repeated Israeli predictions of an imminent breakthrough, PLO officials said last night that outstanding issues included argument over Israel's claim of rights of "hot pursuit" into the Palestinian controlled sector of the holy city and the type of weapons to be carried by the Palestinian police.
Israel's extreme Right has

been outraged by Mr Netanyahu's stated intention to honour the principle of the Hebron deal negotiated in 1995 by Yitzhak Rabin, his Labour predecessor.



Green foot-soldiers fight for giants of the forest

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN CARLOTTA, CALIFORNIA

SWINGING on the end of a climbing rope above the Gold-en Gate Bridge, the actor Woody Harrelson joined a posse of environmentalists last week in a bitter struggle to halt the destruction of some of the planet's tallest trees. Back on the ground after causing a four-hour traffic jam, he was promptly arrested.

It was the latest skirmish in a battle dividing much of California, with its front line 300 miles north of San Francisco in a camp of naturelovers with names like Jay Bird and Laughing Coyote. Their mission is to save the world's last unprotected an-cient redwoods from the

The campsite beside Grizzly Creek in Humboldt County is where the muddy foot-soldiers of Earth First gather each morning with mugs of muesli to plot the next phase of their duel with the Pacific Lumber Company. Towering Douglas fir trees dwarf the tents, but the redwoods over which the region is now feuding openly are another two hours into the backcountry by dirt road and trespassers' footpath. Here, from a carpet of ferns and wild mushrooms, trees that were alive when Hannibal crossed the Alps over 2000 years ago grow taller than Big Ben. These are the only uncut redwoods left outside California's park system, which protects barely 4 per cent of the giant trees that once covered the coastal ranges. For all but the oldest of them, the sawmill

Two of six pristine redwood groves in Pacific Lumber's Headwaters Forest were saved recently by a controversial pact between the Government and the company's owner, the Texan financier Charles Hurwitz. But in and around the other four groves timber is being cut.

Details of the pact released yesterday show that Mr Hurwitz has been offered prime Californian property and 10,000 acres of less pre-cious forest, worth \$300 million (£187.5 million) in all, in return for leaving 3,500 acres at Headwaters unscathed.

Tracks have been cut into three of the unprotected groves for so-called "salvage logging", which removes only dead and dying timber. In the process it tears out the forest's fragile life-support system, bi-ologists say, and destroys the habitat of endangered species.

Grimly surveying the damage, "Goat", a guide from the Earth First camp, described dodging security guards on night runs to supply fellow protesters as they staged a two-week "tree sit" in a vain attempt to save this slope. "If we can't get people to care about the redwoods, we're lost," Goat said. Blockades have become routine in the Greens' showdown with loggers and the police. So has a degree of paranoia. Loose lips sink ships." a sign at the camp says, adding that the payphone is bugged and details of forthcoming raids should be passed on on a need-to-know basis only". More than 1,200 protesters have been arrested since

September. Mr Hurwitz has declined all interview requests, but did talk this year to a rabbi. Concerned by the rabbi's warning that grave sin was possible even within the letter of the law, Mr Hurwitz replied that sparing the redwoods. which fetch up to \$200,000 each, was "not good business".

US to rate TV shows for sex and violence

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX'IN WASHINGTON

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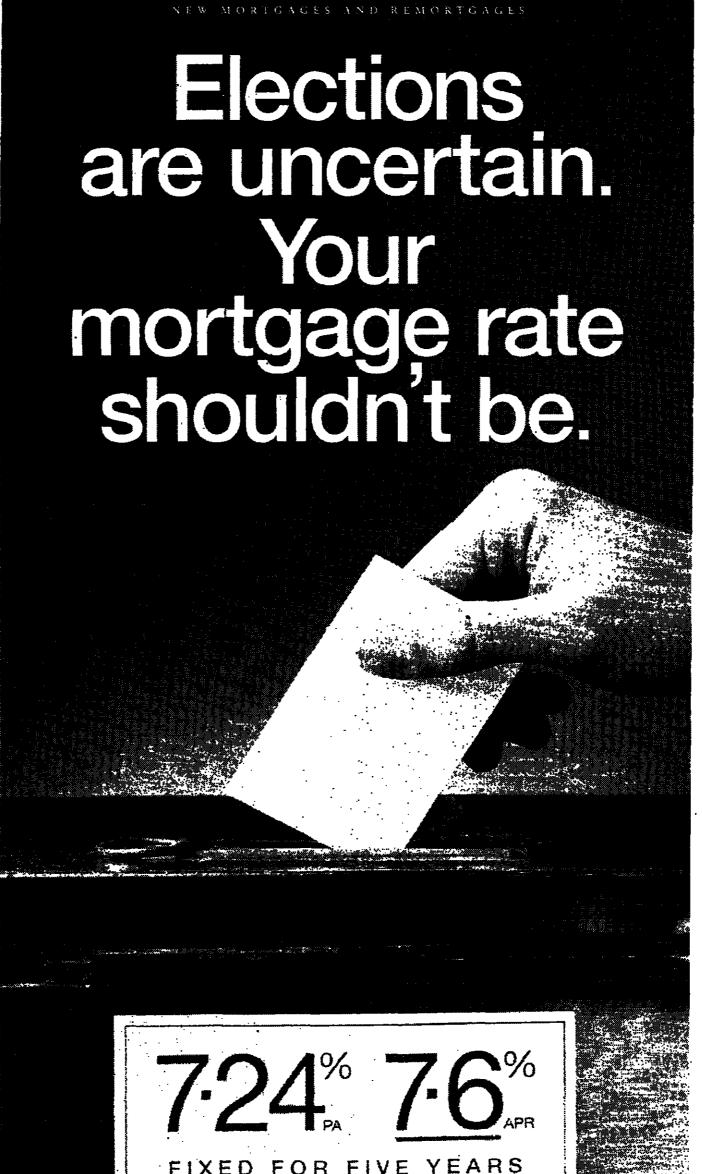
SEX and violence ratings will be slapped on American television programmes from next month to warn parents that the content may be unsuitable for children, according to plans hammered out by the industry months of tense talks.

The ratings, which will broadly follow the system used to classify new films, specify the appropriate age group of viewers.

However, there will be no ign of whether a programme arned its rating for sex, iolence or bad language. ritics such as the American Medical Association say that the system will not give parenough information. They accuse the television industry of being afraid to label a programme as violent

for fear that ratings will fall. The move follows a new telecommunications law which will force television manufacturers to install programme-blocking devices known as "V-chips" in new sets to enable parents to screen out programmes with

undestrable content. The ratings will apply to all broadcast and cable television, except sport and news.



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Gaullists face new shame after arrest of party fundraiser

engulfed President Chirac's ruling Gaullist party yesterday when anti-corruption magistrates investigating illegal political funding closed in on both the party's personnel chief and the wife of the Paris

Louise-Yvonne Casetta, nicknamed la cassette (the cashbox) for her fundraising activities on behalf of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) party, was ordered to be detained for another 24 hours yesterday. She was taken into custody after a dawn raid at her home on Thursday.

Patrick Desmure, the magistrate, was expected to order an official inquiry last night into allegations that Mime Casetta, the party's former head of personnel widely seen as the Gaullists "secret banker", misused company funds and filled the RPR's coffers by demanding huge payments in exchange for city building

In a separate, but equally damaging, case of alleged political corruption, Xavière Tiberi, the wife of Jean Tiberi who succeeded M Chirac as Paris Mayor last year, was yesterday placed under formal nvestigation on suspicion that she was paid Fr200,000 (£25,000) by a regional authority for writing a short report that was largely plagiarised, peppered with errors and

virtually useless. Xavier Dugoin, the RPR president of the Essone local

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

A DOZEN airline passengers

needed hospital treatment in

Sydney after they were thrown from their seats dur-

ing a flight over the Austra-

The Singapore Airlines

A340 Airbus was cruising at

30,000ft when it was buffeted

by clear air turbulence which

caused it to plunge 300ft in a

few seconds. Dozens of pas-

lian Outback.

ployed Mme Tiberi to write the report, was named in the same investigation.

French magistrates have spent months investigating what they claim was a vast illegal funding system for M Chirac's party based on kickbacks for city building contracts while he was Mayor of

According to recent testimoby a company executive. Mme Casetta, in her role as 'shadow treasurer" for the RPR, extracted large cash payments from building companies in exchange for lucra-tive public housing contracts in the early 1990s.

She allegedly demanded that companies pay between 2 and 3 per cent of the value of the contracts in backhanders amounting to hundreds of thousands of francs. Jean-



Xavière Tiberi: report was

their seats and 12, including a

pregnant woman, received

for head and back injuries on

their arrival in Sydney. One woman later underwent sur-

of whom were at the rear of

the aircraft, had to be taken

off at Sydney airport on

stretchers and in wheelchairs.

Junxian Ng. a passenger from Singapore, said: "I was

The injured passengers, all

gery for a broken hip.

spital treatment yesterday

Mazzotti public building contractors, fold magistrates that his company had paid Mme Casetta at least Fr500,000 in return for three building contracts in Paris. The deal was allegedly ar-

Claude Pittau, former boss of

ranged over dinner at Carré des Feuillants, one of the most expensive restaurants in Paris, and M Pittau claimed the money was delivered personally to Mme Casetta in the form of banknotes stuffed into

ready been placed under investigation in the case, along with Jean-Claude Mery, a Paris consultant who worked according to judicial sources.

On September 15 the RPR announced that Mme Casetta "no longer has a lob, a salary or an office" at its headquarters, but despite the party's efforts to distance itself from her; the case may implicate other high-ranking party members.

Mme Casetta said she will not shoulder alone the responsibility for certain operations, Le Figaro . newspaper

As the legal noose tightened around Mme Tiberi, with magistrates starting a fullscale investigation into alleged misuse of public funds, her husband is also under investi-gation for allegedly ordering the returbishment of a cityowned flat for his son, Domimique, at a cost to taxpayers of more than Frl.5 million.

Rough ride for jet over outback people in front of me just went upwards, bitting their heads and coming back down again. There were children crying

and hand luggage was flying all over the place." Singapore Airlines said the turbulence occurred so suddenly that the pilot did not have a chance to warn passengers. Clear air turbulence is not defectable on radar and is comparatively rare



A detail from the depiction of Natalya Goncharova, Pushkin's wife, in a recent Playboy.

Feminists rebel over Playboy view of Russian heroines

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A SERIES of nude paintings depicting some of Russia's most famous heroines has prompted legal action by angry feminists and scholars against Moscow's newly opened Playboy magazine.
In what is building up into a

battle between old and new cultures in Russian society, the prestigious Academy of Sciences and the Centre for Gender Issues have gone to court to seek damages for what they contend were degrading grading representations of some of Russia's most revered

Playboy, which started publishing a Russian edition 18 months ago, ran a series of portraits of Catherine the Great, Natalya Goncharova, Pushkin's wife, Feodosiva Morozova, a 17th-century reli-

gious dissident, and Sofia ing woman mathematician a Korvalevskaya, a 19th-century mathematician, in various stages of undress. The paintings were drawn by Dmitri Vrubel, a Russian artist who campaign." won world acciaim for his Berlin Wall mural The Kiss of Death, which depicted Leonid

Erich Honecker, the former East German leader. Playboy warned its readers not to take the portraits too seriously and explained that the magazine was simply living up to its name. "Therefore we play, are playing, and will

Brezhnev, the former Soviet

leader, locked in a kiss with

play as we wish," it wrote. However, in an open letter before it began its legal action, the Gender Centre said: "We call on all of you who disagree with the image of a masturbat-

topless Catherine the Great, and a religious dissident in sexual heat ... to support our

The Academy of Sciences took up the appeal this week, launching a 100 million roubles (£11,000) lawsuit against the magazine under Article 152 of the Civil Code, which less plaintiffs sue for damages if their reputation is harmed.
"We decided to act to protect

the reputation of Sofia Korvalevskaya," said Leonid Petryenko, a lawyer representing the Academy of Sciences. Artyem Trotsky, the editor of Playboy, insisted that his magazine, which publishes some of Russia's best modern writers, prided itself on never producing anything pornographic or tasteless.

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Africa sends peace envoys to Bangui

Bangui: Christophe Grelombe, a former Central African Republic Interior Minister, and his son have been abducted and murdered in growing ethnic violence in the capital Bangui. Witnesses said they had been seized by troops loyal to the President, Ange Felix Patasse, when they clashed with

President Chirac voiced support for the country's elected Government but said his troops, based in the former French colony under defence pacts, could not help to fight mutineers but may only take part in maintaining order to avoid major abuses and protect foreign communities. A Franco-African summit in Burkina Faso decided to send President Compaore of Burkina Faso and the Heads of State of Gabon, Mali and Chad to try to end the fighting. (Reuter)

Arms charges denied

Calcutta: Peter Bleach, a British arms dealer accused of dropping weapons by parachute into eastern India last year, said that he had pleaded not guilty in a Calcutta court to sedition and conspiracy. The former British army officer and five Latvians were arrested on December 22 last year, five days after a Russian AN26 aircraft dropped the arms in West Bengal state. The authorities recovered 224 AK47 and AK56 rifles with more than 17,000 rounds of ammunition, eight rocket launchers, 80 anti-tank grenades and seven 9mm pistols. Officials believe that the weapons were destined for the Hindu cult Ananda Marg, whose headquarters are near the drop site. (Reuter)

Family shot dead

Mexico City: A married couple who exposed government and drug corruption have been found dead, together with their three children, at their suburban home on the capital's edge. All five had been shot in the head. Fernando Balderas published the magazine Cuarto Poder, which specialised in exposing corruption, and had advised two Mexican attorneys general. Yolanda Figueroa, his wife, had just written The Boss of the Gulf, a book about Juan Garcia Abrego, a convicted cocaine smuggler. US authorities say García Abrego built his Gulf Cartel — the second most powerful in Mexico - partly through his ties to top Mexican officials, which he won with millions of dollars in bribes. [AP]

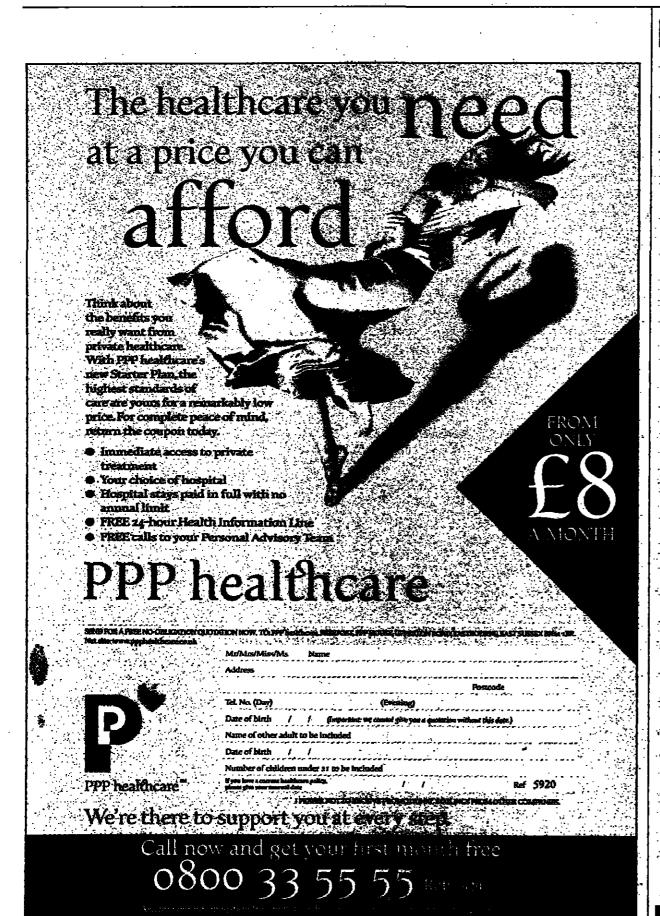
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lumbia's landing was postponed for a second day because of bad weather - but the delay was a bonus for Dr Story Musgrave. right, at of the world's oldest astronaut, who was on a record sixth and final voyage. The delay also makes the mission the longes shuttle flight, at nearly 18 days. The five astronauts, with enough fuel and supplies to last until Wednesday, try again today. (AP)



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chair here for abducting a 30-year-old man from a mobile home, driving him to an abandoned airstrip and hitting him with a tyre lever before shooting him twice in the face with a shotgun. He then stole from the home. An accomplice, Michael Frederick, was sentenced to 347 years in prison. (AP)



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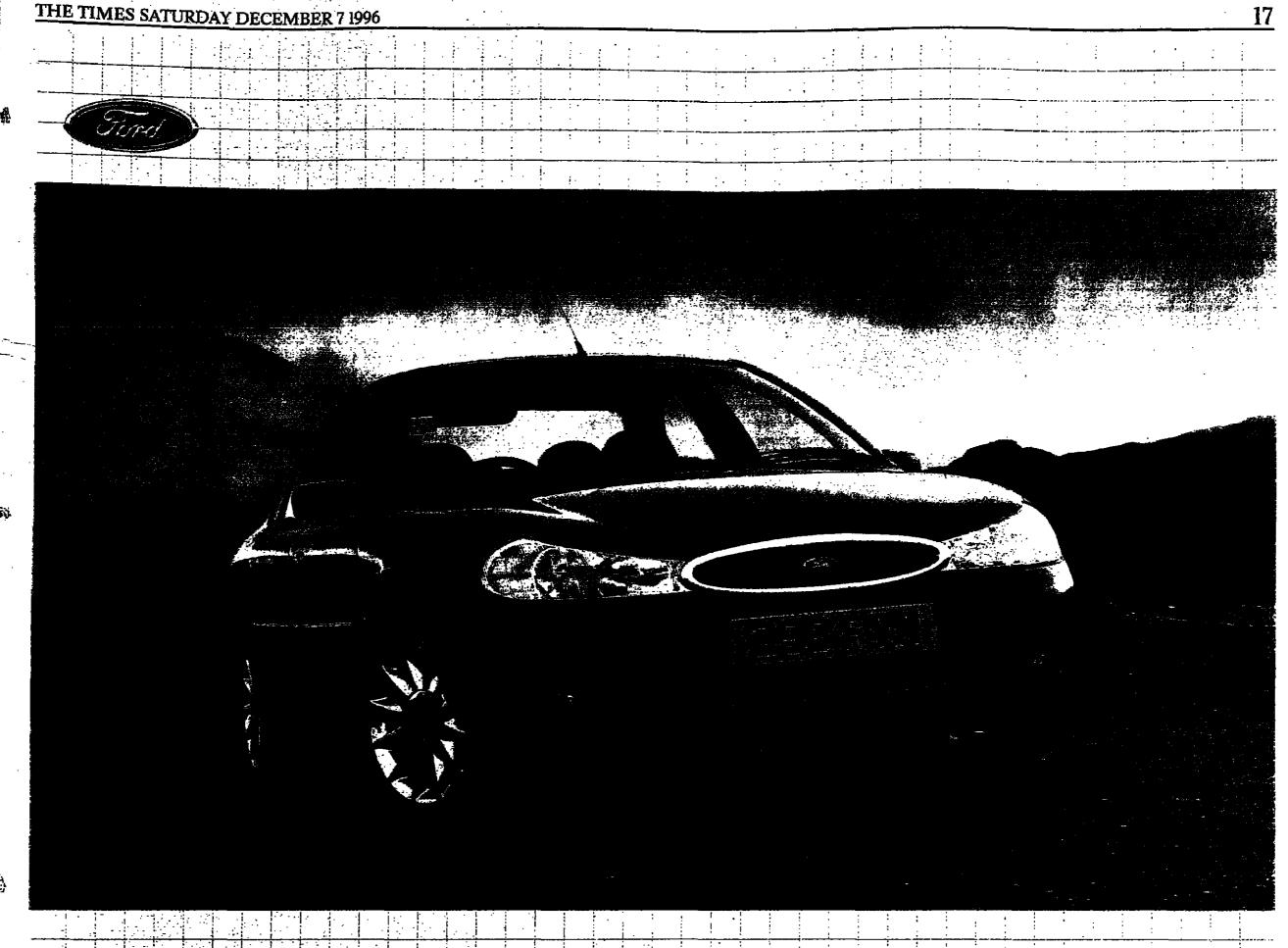
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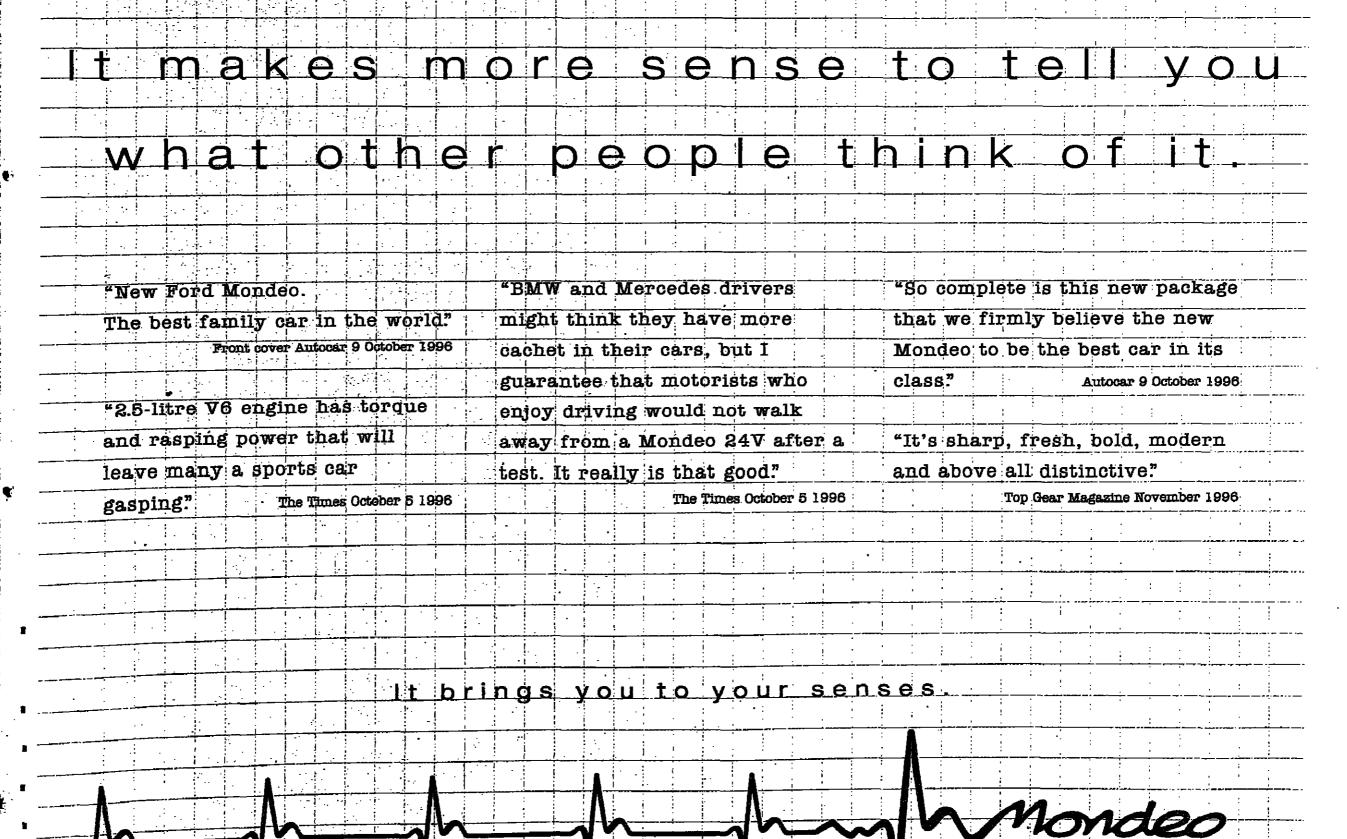
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Sinister deeds of Kohl's dare-devil spymaster are threatening to tarnish Chancellor's image

008's days numbered

strength of Helmut Kohl is vested in his entou raige, loyal Stakhanov ites who rarely see their wives

and who spend their waking hours being driven and teased

by the Chancellor. Men like Fritz Bohl, the chancellery chief, and Joachim Bitterlich, the foreign policy adviser, pose as selfeffacing civil servants, but they in fact run Germany by

mastering the detail that the Chancellor forgets or neglects. The weak link in this team is the dapper, former grammar school headmaster Bernd Schmidbauer, who has been dubbed Agent 008. He is the Chancellor's adviser on sec-

Trappings of office THE Reichstag is a mess. around parliament. But the most intriguing problem is the wallpaper. Should the

After being wrapped and un-wrapped by package artist Christo, the once and future parliament is now swaddled in scaffolding as Germany struggles to keep to its dead-lines. Both the German parliament and the Chancellor have promised to be in residence by the end of 1999, but Helmut Kohl's dream of mak-ing Berlin the fully-fledged political capital by the new millennium is fading.

The scramble is already on for the best offices in and

BERLIN FILE by ROGER BOYES group, the ELN, to secure the

urity affairs and the closest that Germany has to a daredevil politician. Herr Schmidbauer negonates exchanges of prisoners and corpses between Israel and Iran, wades through South American jungles with anti-drug squads, disappears for days in the Middle East. Now he is in hot

water rather than hot climes. This week he has faced a parliamentary grilling about a shadowy freelance spy, Werner Mauss, who was recently arrested in Colombia. Herr

corridors of power be plas-

tered with the new bug-proof

covering designed by Sie-mens? The wallpaper, called

Shieldex, is copper-encased

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ers are likely to be hospitals

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chinery. Both houses of

parliament have ordered

Shieldex but the chancellery

is wondering whether it can

afford electronic decor.

Chancellor probably will have to drop his security chief. He has survived other scandals, personal and political. His impassioned wife once strode into Herr Schmidbauer's favourite Italian restaurant and had a stand-up row with the sleekly groomed, chainsmoking spymaster: Herr Schmidbauer had made his mistress pregnant and his wife was not amused.

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The latest

was as a ne-

gotiator with

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release of the wife of a

kidnapped German executive.

The Colombian authorities

have accused Herr Mauss of

playing a double game and of

being in league with the

Marxist guerrillas. That

means trouble for Herr

Schmidbauer who admits to

having met Herr Mauss six

times and to helping to ar-

range false passports for the

Sooner rather than later the

ernment.

The trial of an alleged Iranian hit team, now coming to a climax in Berlin, has also revealed unsavoury aspects of Herr Schmidbauer's dealing with the Tehran regime. It was Herr Schmidbauer who proudly showed Ali Fallahian. the Iranian Police Minister, around the headquarters of



Bernd Schmidbauer with Helmut Kohl at a European soccer match at Old Trafford featuring Italy and Germany

the German espionage and counter-espionage services. During the Berlin trial it emerged that Mr Fallahian had ordered assassinations in the German capital.

As in the case of Herr Mauss's Colombian muddle, there is usually a humanitarian argument to be put. Herr Schmidbauer has always been given the benefit of the doubt by Herr Kohl, but this direct line between Herr Kohl and rather sinister acts of derring-do around the world

is proving an embarrassment. Herr Kohl increasingly sees himself as the History Man and adventures by his senior staff detract from, rather than

add to, the glory.

The critical problem is that there is no solid legal under-pinning to these antics. Herr Schmidbauer and his staff of 25 are supposed only to coordinate and oversee the activities of the espionage service (BND), the domestic counterespionage organisation and military counter-espionage.

The Chancellor is no great admirer of covert intelligence - a quality he shares with his predecessor Helmut Schmidt, who said he discovered more by reading a British newspaper - and Herr Schmidbauer in turn has shown little respect for previous service. chiefs. Nowadays the BND, regarded for years as an accident-prone Keystone Cops operation, is managed by a-safe pair of hands, Hansjoerg

Geiger. It is moving from. Cold War business to counter-

terrorism, combating-organised crime and the drugs trade. That gives Herr Schmidbauer even less to do. hence his taste for initiating his own missions.

The essential dilemma is that while every leader needs firemen and trusted staff ready to dirty their bands. these people should not draw attention to themselves. The miracle of a freed hostage should be attributed without qualification to the Chancellor; the failures forgotten fast.

No star treatment for Angel

MARLENE DIETRICH. the legendary film vamp, is at the heart of a new Berlin row.

Social-Democrat council in Schoeneberg district thinks it is time to honour the heroine of The Blue Angel. She earned the Medal of Freedom from the Americans and another gong from the French Foreign Legion probably for her part in Morocco when she jilted a millionaire to have an affair with a penniless Legionnaire played by

Gary Cooper. But Germans have been reluctant even to admit that Berlin was her home town as well as the place where she is buried.

She left Germany in the 1930s, despised the Nazis, gave financial help to some Jewish emigrés in the United States, performed for American troops and, after the war, entered bruised and battered Berlin wearing a US

That last act has not been forgotten quickly. the Social-Democrat offices to oppose the creation of a Marlene Dietrich Strasse. Her gravestone

Charities want brothel ban reviewed

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

LEADING Catholic charities in Italy yesterday called for a 40-year-old law banning brothels to be reviewed as part of an attempt to solve the growing problem of prostituwhich they have described as a form of 20thcentury slavery.

The groups, which include immigrant charities run by the Italian Bishops' Conference and Caritas, the aid agency, said that the 1958 'Merlin law" — named after Angela Merlin, the Socialist anti-prostitution campaigner should be looked at again. The law banned legal brothels

or "closed houses", but had the effect of driving prostitutes on to the streets, where their numbers have been swelledrecently by illegal immigrants from Albania and Africa.

But the groups said there were solutions short of the reestablishment of brothels, including cracking down on pimps by confiscating their illegal earnings and offering financial help to prostitutes who wanted to "come off the

Catholic agencies joined other political and social groups in deploring a decision this week by Milan

city council to drive prostitutes off the streets by sending photographs of clients cars to their homes. Opposition councillors said the scheme would wreck marriages, and local police argued that it was unworkable.

The plan, put forward by Riccardo De Corato, leader of the post-Fascist Alleanza Nazionale in Milan, was approved by 16 votes to ten, with six abstentions. Left-wing councillors said

the plan was a "violation of privacy, honour and reputation". Corriere della Sera, which is based in Milan, said

many residents of the city were at their wits end. Prostitutes and transvestites were performing stripteases in the street", and customers were lining up in their cars.

La Stampa said the Milan move was a reflection of the fact that Italian cities are now so saturated with prostitutes that the authorities were willing to try anything. But it said the morality of the Milan city council was at odds with the centuries-old morality of the Catholic Church, which held that the sinner alone should be made to suffer for his

Di Pietro is target of police raids

FROM REUTER IN ROME

POLICE yesterday raided the homes and offices of Antonio Di Pietro, a former minister made famous by his judicial assault on corruption, known as the "Clean hands" investigation.

The Italian media reported that some 300 agents were involved in the raids, ordered by magistrates in the northern town of Brescia who are investigating alleged irregularities by Signor Di Pietro vhen he was a leading

corruption magistrate. His lawyer. Massimo Dinoia, said that agents had eized legal documents from Curno, near Milan. The lawyer said Signor Di Pietro. who returned to Milan from Rome yesterday morning, was not present, but added that his wife and two young children had been awakened

by police. Some 50 raids were carried out by special investigators. Signor Di Pietro's business associates and lawyers were

Anglicans and Catholics reach 'impasse over Eve'

ANGLICAN officials insisted erday that Anglican-Catholic dialogue was "very much alive" despite deep differences over women priests during talks between the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury this

"The visit was marked by great personal warmth," said Canon Bruce Ruddock, head of the Anglican Centre in Rome. "We are going to review the stage we have reached, but are determined to continue."

But veteran Vatican watchers said they saw "no common ground whatsoever" over the ordination of women, and not much more on other issues. such as papal primacy, papal infallibility and Marian doctrine (policy over the Virgin Магу). Eve has divided Anglican

and Catholics," said Marco Politi, the Vatican correspondent of La Renubblica and author of a recent book on the Pope. "The atmosphere was pontiff even asked the Arch-



Carev: visit marked by great warmth"

Thursday. But even Dr Carey admitted there had been no concrete results."

Yesterday, Dr Carey ended his four-day trip to Italy in Milan, where he attended vespers with Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the Archbishop of Milan, who is a strong future candidate for the papa cy and whose views on married priests and the role of women in the Church are more liberal than the Pope's.

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patron saint of Milan, Dr Carey noted that next year Britain would celebrate the 1.400h sainty-saint Colum-ba and the arrival in Britain of Saint Augustine, The first Archbishop of Camerbury. But Vatican officials said the 30-year-old Anglican Catholic dialogue had reached an "impasse" over the ordination of women priests. Before the Archbishop left Rome for Mi-

lan, the Pope said the "obstaunderscored the need for agreement on who would have ultimate doctrinal teaching authority in an eventually unified church.

This week he reminded Dr Carey that as Pope, he held the teaching office" of Saint Peter, and added: "The path ahead may not be altogether clear to us, but we are here to recommit ourselves to following it". But the pontiff added that even if papal primacy was "modified", he could not accept a symbolic papacy lacking doctrinal authority.

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THEATRE

Staging Troilus and Cressida for laughs makes for a long and fussy evening at the Barbican



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Alec McCowen in Chekhov, and the weekend's other top shows, surveyed in The Directory



ON MONDAY

Placido Domingo sings Wagner for the first time in Britain: read Rodney Milnes's verdict

risis in the fine art world! Panic in Whitehall! Proud museum directors faffing around like obsequious butlers. The Heritage Secretary firing off desperate letters to all available organs. The art establishment expressing itself aghast, darling, at the prospect of E25 million of prime-cut paintings slipping from

its grasp.
Yes, the Old Master of the cultural whinge has spoken. Step forward, Sir Denis Mahon. The 86-year-old art historian and very rich bachelor announced this week that his collection of 61 Italian Baroque paintings — at present destined for top British galleries when he dies — will be removed if those galleries start to sell off their collections or charge for admissions. Even by Mahon's standards this was a virtuoso display of catamong-pigeons-putting, and the kneejerk reaction to his threat must have made the old boy feel

Which, of course, is utterly bizarre. Don't get me wrong. I am

very important.

You don't get the picture, Minister

ers, though the heir to the vast

Guirmess Mahon banking fortune

is hardly a pensioner in the usual

sense of the word. Nor do I belittle the quality of Mahon's collection. It's just that he has pulled this stunt so many times before. And gullible politicians fall for it every time! Those wretched Guercinos. Renis and Cortonas must have exercised more influence on gov-ernment policy than many Cabinet ministers. Let's recail some epic Mahon tantrums of the past quarter-century:

November 1973: Mahon threatens to leave his paintings to Ireland if museum charges are introduced in Britain. In a letter to The Times, he accuses the Heath Government of "shabby devices"

August 1974: "I'll sell my art treasures abroad," Mahon tells the

about museum charges? Er, no. Mahon has been very hurt, poor lamb, by the Wilson Government's proposed wealth tax. "I had intended to bequeath the collection,

my life's love, to the public," he sniffs. "But if the Government are going to start bullying and victimising me, then by golly I'il sell it abroad first." Stirring words. May 1977: "Britain is in danger of losing Denis Mahon's collection," the Sunday Telegraph warns readers. This time it seems to be because of "the Government's attitude over the sale of art treasures

from Mentmore Towers".

November 1977: Obviously 1977 is
Mahon's Year of Living Indignantly. Now he is angry about the
Treasury meddling with the National Land Fund — a relief agency for aristocrats with stately homes. Remarkably. Mahon does not



RICHARD MORRISON

threaten to take his paintings abroad this time. Perhaps his earlier threat is still pending. February 1979: Guess what's hot news? "Britain will lose one of the world's finest collections of Italian

the Telegraph reports. It's Doughty Den again! "I had intended the collection should go to the nation." he says. "But with these new proposals I shall have to instruct my executors to sell the pictures abroad." Luckily, a general election averts this catastrophe. July 1985: A familiar headline in

The Times: "Art collector's threat to sell pictures abroad forces tax change." Another victory for Guercino power! The paper re-ports that Mahon's "game of rinkmanship" has resulted in virtually open-ended tax concessions" for people with lots of Old Masters. The arts world, or at least the posh end of it, is ecstatic. So is David Piper, the Ashmolean Museum's director. "Mr Mahon

has the most gorgeous stamina."

paintings if the Government abolishes the system whereby works of art can be offered in lieu of taxes."

he gushes girlishly in The Times.

June 1986: Arise, Sir Denis! But if the Government hopes that a June 1986: Arise, Sir Denis! But if the Government hopes that a knighthood will induce Mahon to settle the fate of his collection, it is sadly mistaken . March 1988: Mahon is "again

contemplating changing his will",

The Times notes wearily. His paintings will be disbursed abroad, he threatens, because of plans to introduce de accession in national galleries. Two months later, all is smiles. Mahon has discovered an Arts Minister, Richard Luce, who is "approachable and listens to arguments".

February 1992: One of Mahon's finest hours. He threatens to withdraw the offer of a loaned Guercino to the National Gallery unless the Government indemni fies owners of paintings lent to the nation. The new Arts Minister, Tim Renton, obligingly alters a

Bill that is already going through Parliament. Mahon attends a Commons select committee to savour his triumph.

And so to this week's events. Out has come the trump-card again and Mahon once more has Her Majesty's Government begging for mercy. Part of me hopes that Mrs Bottomley will tell Mahon exactly where he can stick his precious Guercinos. After all, it is mad that the mere ownership of a tasty art collection should apparently give somebody the clout to change government policy eight times in 25 years.

But the other part of me wishes this wily old bird several more decades of rude health and even ruder interference in the gover-nance of Britain. After all, he has proved one thing: politicians cannot be as philistine as we thought. Not if five Prime Ministers in succession turn cartwheels to get their hands on a load of paintings by artists of whom they have barely heard.

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as Troilus and Philip Voss as Ulysses in Ian Judge's production of Troilus and Cressida

Funny? You must be joking

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston on an over-fussy production of Shakespeare's Trojan tragedy

'Troilus and Cressida is remarkable because it is so utterly original startling, deeply shocking and very, very funny." Ian Judge, that's who, director of this Royal Shakespeare Company production in his opening rehearsal talk which is reprinted in the programme. Not just funny, you will notice, not even very funny but very very funny, although he does stop short of calling it sidesplitting, or subtitling it, with a nod to the bisexual Pandarus, Cressida's Aunt.

Judge is noted for liking to make an audience emerge from the theatre feeling good. And I have been made to feel that way myself after, for example, his stagings of The Wizard of Oz and The Comedy of Errors, both of them at this theatre.

On the other hand, watching his recent Scrooge was like drowning in jam. And his current production of Shakespeare's very, very funny (sic) sick joke would be an entirely pointless exercise were it not for a cluster of admirable performances, although these are not always where one As designed by John Gun-ter, Troy's wall is a mighty image of patched protection, brickwork mended with sheets of corrugated iron that lend their suggestion of fluted column to the structure. Over the Greek camp hangs a great golden shield that turns blood-

> Troilus and Cressida Barbican

red when the battle rages, like an unhealthy sun. Helpful images, all of them. unlike the scene in the tent where Richard Dillane's hunky Diomedes woos Cressi-

da. From the top of the stage an immense cyclamen curtain sweeps down in the sort of curve beloved of Cecil Beaton in romantic mood. All very ironic, perhaps, but the situation itself, with its three onlookers making their sour or weeping comments, establishes this point with more economy.

Economy is not a word Judge appears to consider when imagining a scene. His actors move restlessly around one another, going down steps in order to turn about and go up them again. There is certainly a lot of talk in the play more than usual in a version that seems to have cut nothing and we certainly need

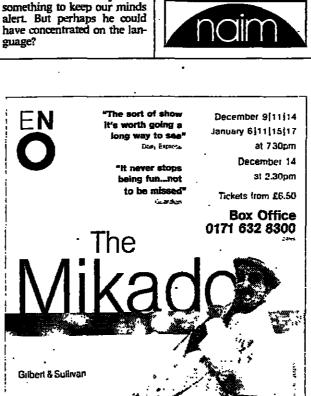
The quality of performance varies. Victoria Hamilton elo-quently traces Cressida's journey from being a girl capable of genuine feeling to one who. betrayed by her city, is no longer certain of what she feels except, that is, her own

Her closing cry of "Troilus!" is an expression of true grief. Unlike the voice of Joseph Fiennes as Troilus, which breaks and gulps and catches breath, corkscrewing this way and that, until the sense of a speech flies off in all direc-

Clive Francis giggles a lot as a superficial Pandarus. The muscular young Greasians, as they are pronounced, have stepped from the pages of an old *Physique Pictorial* but speak with clarity, Philip Voss's magisterial Ulysses particularly so.

On the opposing side Louis Hilyer's Hector stands out well. But the evening as a whole is long — and very, very





No fear of music

THE name Talking Heads has always been synonymous with their eccentric front man David Byrne, even though their actual sounds relied on the rhythms of bassist Tina Weymouth, drummer Chris Frantz and keyboard player Jerry Harrison

Renaming themselves the Heads, Weymouth, Frantz and Harrison recently recorded an album, which they tellingly called No Talking Just Head, and got round the lead singer problem by recruiting a bunch of guest vocalists, including Shaun Ryder, Debbie Harry, Michael Hutchence, Richard Hell and Johnette Napolitano, to write lyrics for finished backing tracks. Shaun Ryder's Don't Take My Kindness for Weakness, a recent single; was particularly inspired, and the

start playing live again. To do so, they have added extra guitarist Blast Murray upgraded Concrete Blonde's Napolitano from guest vocalist to lead singer. She has a distinctive voice that frequently rose into a Courtney Love-style holler but she tempered it to suit the style of the various missing guests. Gordon |Gano of the Violent Fennes] can't be with us tonight, so I'll just do my best Gordon for you," she joked

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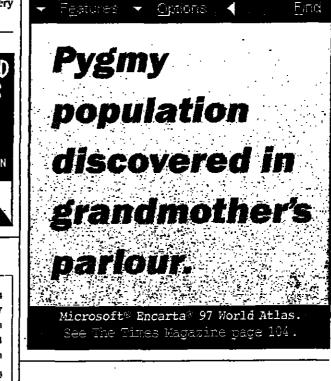
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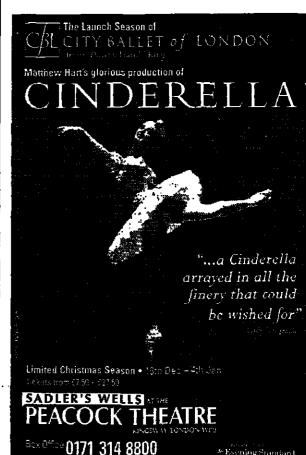
before singing the melodic Only The Lonely. Gano was not the only guest who could not make it: neither

Ryder nor Hutchence put in an appearance. Luckily, Napolitano managed to keep the crowd entertained — her androgynous figure proving a godsend when it came to. dancing around Byrne-style. during the Talking Heads song, Take Me To The River. Of all the band, it was Weymouth who most looked as if she was revelling in her newfound freedom, playing off Napolitano and clearly enjoying singing with another woman on the album's title track, Punk Lolita. They even. finished off with Psycho Killer and did a couple of encores. which paid tribute to their; notably Tom Tom Club's

Wordy Rappinghood. Although this was more of a celebration of the Heads' past than a take on their future, it was enough to give the crowd. what they had come for.

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The Georgian rules of our most venerable artistic institution make it too amateurish for the big league, says Richard Morrison

up in the faces of the Royal Academy's membership yesterday was sudden but gruesomely predictable. The allegations of tinancial irregularities, of "borrowing" from the pension fund, of mysterious gaps in the annual accounts, are worrying enough. This is a 228-year-old institution with a list of benefactors headed by the Queen, where some of Britain's most eminent painters, sculptors and architects are the members. and where the honorary fellows include just about every famous

cultural figure in the land. But even if the accusations prove to be temporary blemishes that are already being erased - as the RA was claiming yesterday — there are other huge problems inherent in the very structure of the venerable institution in Piccadilly. As with the British Museum, which was recently revealed to have not a single qualified accountant among its staff of nearly 1,200, the RA gives the impression of being governed

Royal Academicians in distress But when they failed, commercially if not artistically, such shows sponsorship is hot.

elderly and unworldly people who have never learnt about survival in the current cut-throat arts world.

It is effectively now two institutions in one. First, it is a grandly appointed club for artists, deeply conscious of an illustrious tradition stretching back to Sir Joshua. Reynolds; and secondly it is a venue for international shows. The academicians' historic mission to maintain artistic standards and lead public taste has long been undermined by the annual, depressing reality of the mediocre paintings usually produced for the now notorious (but still money-spinning) Summer Exhibition

In the past two decades, however, under the often inspired leadership of its exhibitions secretary. Nor-man Rosenthal, the RA has made huge efforts to compete in the "blockbuster" field. When these succeeded, as with the groundbreaking Genius of Venice exhibition or the always-popular shows of Impressionists, they won critical acclaim, generous sponsorship and huge crowds.

Financed entirely by private means, for the RA receives no public funds, these shows achieved what the lavishly subsidised British galleries often could not they brought the RA into a "magic circle" of top international galleries, which were willing to share the cost, as well as enjoying the prestige, of mounting crowd-pulling displays. Rosenthal, who is married to a senior figure at the Prado Museum in Madrid, was the ideal man to oversee this highprofile, high-risk operation.

left ominous holes in the RA's finances. An exhibition of 20thcentury American art ran to a £600,000 deficit. Half a million people were expected for last year's gigantic Africa exhibition: only half that number turned up, Given that this single show cost £1.5 million to mount, one can quickly see how a

These big international exhibitions also depend on equally big sponsors, especially when the host organisation has no public subsidy. But in Britain corporate arts sponsorship, on which so many hopes were pinned in the early 1980s, has declined alarmingly. And in London - with its two opera houses, nine or ten great museums and four symphony orchestras - the

£3 million deficit could build up.

competition for big-company

At one time the RA seemed to be doing well. But a recent spate of shows "failing to happen", combined with the generally disappointing impression left by the exhibitions that did, suggests that it has now fallen behind in the dash for cash. And as Britain's major arts institutions tussle for the El billion or so of "matching" private funding that the Government requires to make their lottery projects viable, the pressure to find donors

becomes ever greater. So where does the Academy go from here? The answer is surely that it must decide what its function is to be in the 21st century, and then cut its cloth, or possibly its staff, accordingly. As with many of Britain's big cultural organ-

isations, the past two decades at the RA have been expansionist in spirit. Not only have there been ambitious exhibitions and building projects (the Sackler Calleries and the plan for the RA to take over the nearby Museum of Mankind), but also such unsung but laudable programmes as the "Outreach" project to encourage good teaching of the visual arts in schools.

If it is to continue down this road. the Academy must put in place a management that is utterly professional from top to toe. (Again, the parallel with the British Museum is uncanny.) That may mean the end of a governing body whose rules are still essentially those laid down by George III.

Most of the executives now in

day-to-day control of the RA - led

don - would probably welcome such a change. But it would not be achieved without a fight. Even the mild attempts earlier this year to jazz up the Summer Exhibition, and Mr Gordon's project to open more of the RA's private rooms for catering and exhibition space, have aroused ire. Nevertheless, it may now be a case of change or die.

In the meantime, what of that deficit? At £3 million, it is serious but hardly life-threatening. Most of Britain's opera houses, major theatres and orchestras can boast something similar at present. The RA's last great cash crisis. in 1962. was solved, perhaps un-satisfactorily, by the sale of the Leonardo Cartoon. If the bankers really are intent on calling in the debts, the Academy has an astonishing range of assets on which to draw, from the Michelangelo Madonna (conservative estimate: £40 million) downwards. But selling the family silver will solve nothing if the RA can't decide what sort of a

Is literary London really so full of spite? Derwent May doubts it

Confessions of a reviewer

erary editor of The Listener and preparing my first special books number of the year, I went up to Oxford. On a back wall of All Souls I saw a big painted slogan: "No to Spring Books". I soon realised that it was in fact an antiapartheid slogan, "No to Springboks", but it was a nasty moment.

However, the slogan I thought I saw might well have been daubed there by Amanda Craig. who has written a novel, A Vicious Circle, which has this week been hailed as a work of genius by A.N. Wilson, the novelist and literary editor of the Evening Standard. It consists mainly of a ferocious attack on the world of book reviewers.

Two of its main characters are young literary journalists, who are supposed to be representative figures, and who recognise in themselves and others only two motives: - the currying of favour and the instilling of fear. A third character is a waitress who teaches herself to become a vicious reviewer out of revenge when she is ditched by a literary journalist, and is so carried away that her review destroys a novel by her best friend.

Any concern for truth and justice is utterly invisible in this portrait of the literary world. In fact, one reviewer. David Sexton, thought he had been caricatured in the novel and objected, and Miss Craig was compelled to rewrite part of the book and to change publishers.

Miss Craig's picture does not show the literary world as I know it. When R.H.S. Crossman was Editor of the New Statesman and wanted a trivial book reviewed for his own political purposes, I remember his literary editor resisting until Crossman cried out in exasperation: "The trouble with you literary editors is that you're all virgins!" Arthur Crook, when he edited The Times Literary Supplement in the days of anonymous reviewing used to make sure he knew all about the love affairs and rivalries of his contributors, in order to keep spite and log-rolling out of his pages. "I went to publishers' parties just to find out who hated each other." he told me. (Of course, it made quite an enjoyable life for him.)

Rather different matters worry literary editors, such as finding people who can write a genuinely good novel review. That is not as easy as Miss Craig makes it sound. Novel reviews generally have to be done in a very restricted number of words. You have to tell the reader some of the plot, or your comments

have to weave your judgments into your precis of the story. It is worse than writing a haiku - it is like writing a bonzai haiku.

There are also unexpected problems. I once failed to persuade Hugh Trevor-Roper to review any of a large number of history books, because at the time, he said, he could not "read anything except the most beautiful prose". Very reasonable, I thought; but I had to find another good reviewer.

Of course, there is a lot of fierce reviewing in newspapers, but that is not in itself in any way discredit-able. David Sexton himself would not deny that he is a fierce reviewer. but his criticisms proceed from a clear set of values: a love of the subtle and truthful, a hatred of pretension and sentimentality. He need not even have protested, in my view, because his writing speaks for itself. Some of the best reviewing is found when two whole schools of taste come into conflict, with figures such as Alexander Pope or F.R. Leavis hovering above like Baroque gods of the battlefield.

Prospective authors should not be daunted by Miss Craig's vision of the world into which their books will be launched. London offers an incomparably wide range of commentary on new books. A notable book may receive Il thoughtful reviews over one long weekend, in the five daily broadsheets, the four Sunday broadsheets, the Spectator - and, yes, the Evening Standard, although Andrew Wilson's ecstatic review of Miss Craig's novel suggests he has strange doubts about his own books pages. Then there is the broad hinterland of the TLS, the London Review of Books, the New Statesman, numerous other weeklies and the middle-market and regional press. A very substantial sieving of books goes on in Britain.

Slackness and preoccupation with their own writing, rather than venality, is most often the temptation of literary editors. I recently heard of one literary editor of The Spectator who was also a poet and who rang up a writer urgently asking him to review a book that he had already written about in the

Spectator three weeks before. Early in his career, nearly every literary editor gives a book out of kindness to some pleading free-lance, only to find he cannot print the man's review and has made him even more miserable than he was before. Then another hopeful face looks round his office door. hang in mid-air. But once you tell and he falls into the trap again.

The simple art of lunching

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon when the PM's long goodbye

began . . .

here's some days on the Street that it seems things can't get no better. The sky can't get no bluer and the Schmilers and you say, "Schmiler, can you remember a day when the powers-that-be stuffed their privates so completely in the salami slicer?" And Schmiler says. "Nope. And they're turning the handle like a Riga organ-grinder." He pours me a Daniels. "So how you see it unfolding?" he asks.

Now this is no two-bit Chicago sting. This is a class operation, Park Lane, the real McCoy. For reasons not immediately apparent, Corporation wants the frighteners on John Major. It decides to get his sidekick the Chancellor to spit beans on him. The Corporation boss is owner of a Notting Hill speakeasy, but he has his eye on a Mayfair place called Nico at 90. He tells the boys always to eat there, so they pick it as their venue. This is despite it being home to the most expensive schmoozers in town. How Nico has the sphericals to charge a hundred bucks for a plate of gnocchi beats me. The boss has a moaner called Fingers Birt who forks out the dough like the stuff is ants in his pants.

This is how it is. The guys stake out the joint. Oakley will take the table by the window. Frank "Free-Lunch" Dobson is with him and will be crucial in the drama. Two young guys, Sopel and Mardell, are given their big break. They must get the property into Nico's. onto a banquette line-of-sight with Dobson, and pour wine down him til he spills the story. This may not be easy. I can remember a time on the Street when chancellors would no more lunch with reporters than they would risk a night in a Reno

I tell you, two bottles of Nico's best Barolo and the guys can't get the property to shut up. He says Major is ratting on him. He may resign. Then he blurts some crap about loaded boomerangs with high explosives and a guy named Mawhinney with kids and scooters on the lawn. These guys are momma's boys and don't like this

Next day Sopel does the usual thank you for the Chancellor having honoured him with lunch. He slides the blade into Major with a "Friends of the Chancellor hit



Show of unity at the Tory conference in October; but the Downing Street neighbours have fallen out after one briefing too many

Telegraph.

back at the Prime Minister today ... "There are the usual denials and a few greenhorns choke on their toothpicks at Sopel hitting paydirt like this. Then comes the sting. Dobson rings his mob and declares it was not "friends of the Chancellor" at all. It was the living, breathing real thing. The denials are a fraud. He saw it all at Nico's that day, may God, Oakley and half the damned British Broadcast ing Corporation be his witness. This gets Sopel off what we professionals call an ethical hook. I cannot tell a lie, he says. It was me and Mardell and the aforesaid

property in person. You could hear the explosion right across town. The property denies it again. He swears he'll always be Major's buddy like there was a gun in his neck. He and the Irish guy Mawhinney go down to Lenny the Lawyer and get an affidavit that they have been courting since they shared wet nurses back in '42. What a week for the boys. The

fact is the whole sting has gone smoother than a blonde on Sunset Strip. We reckon the property is shortly for a walk off London Bridge with concrete boots. This is sad since the guys admired his way with pollo cacciatore. As for Major, the horse manure has hit the punkah. His mob is in uproar and wants blood. The boss is so pleased he may make Nico the Corporation's canteen manager. This is odd since he's that already.

feel genuinely sorry for John Major. He is vulnerable to every accident. Last April he reached an agreement with his two most powerful ministers on a form of words about Europe that would carry the Tories through the

next election. This was the now famous "wait and see how talks turn out" policy. It was confirmed by the full Cabinet and set before the party conference at Bournemouth last October.

The conference agreed. It not only agreed, but gave standing ovations to the Chancellor and Foreign Secretary when they re-peated the line. "Wait and see" appeared to be a policy on which the divided party could stand either united or at best silent. The electorate did not rate Europe as an especially important issue. It was time for the smack of firm compromise. If anyone did not like it, they could leave. David Heathcoat-Amory was the only minister to take up the offer.

Politics never stays still. One day's certainty is tomorrow's pious hope, and the next day seems wholly implausible. For the parliamentary Conservative Party, a "wait and see" policy on the single currency is becoming wholly im-plausible. Even Tony Marlow, the eccentric Member for Northampton, sounds ominously reasonable in asking how a party can go into an election saying it has no view on a inatter that has been debated ad nauseam. The promise of a later

referendum is not enough. By last month, a growing number of Mr Major's colleagues felt that "wait and see" was unlikely to

last until April. The pressure was great. Should it be revived or killed off? This was the question that Mr Major asked his friends and others two weeks ago. His aides let it be known that he might change "wait and see" to "not in the coming. Parliament", or even to personal opposition. There was a flurry of covert briefing. Downing Street cannot deny this. I heard it with my own ears and from many sources The story broke in Monday's Daily

I was amazed. Surely this was wobble just when steadiness was most needed. It would also undermine the April agreement, The gauntlet thrown down to Mr Major's two heavyweight colleagues was blatant. Mr Heseltine and Mr Clarke had often been bloodied in. battle under Mr Major, but they carried their lances to the end. They were masters of the "friend", the intermediary, the call to the editor, the after-hours drink, the precision lunch. To both of them the April deal was sacrosanct. It sealed their backing for Mr Major during last year's leadership crisis. Certainly he was under pressure from the ranks to end "wait and see". He should resist such pressure.

Had the briefing remained covert. I suppose the operation could have been quietly concluded. Mr Major privately mooted a change. Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine said no. Mr Major admitted defeat in the Commons on Tuesday. A serious question would have been asked and answered within the confines of the club. The privacy of British political reporting would have performed its proxy for open democracy. Behind an arras of mendacity, a debate would have been held and resolved.

The arras was torn aside chez Nico. Revealed was a senior minister threatening his boss and abusing his party chairman to two reporters, in the sight if not the hearing of witnesses. He thought he was protected by "lobby rules". which have become a licence to phadmouth colleagues without fear of attribution and thus retribution. Revealed too were reporters giving the public what they knew to be a distorted story and only coming clean when their cover was blown. As for the source of the Daily Telegraph's revelation of Mr Major's wobble, it remains wholly obscure. Readers and listeners should assume that the phrase "friends of" is lobbyspeak for the person himself.

Mr Major may have become a political Houdini of Wilsonian longevity, but as I write this I cannot see his way out of this predicament. His Commons majority has now effectively gone. He surely cannot keep his two senior colleagues with him and meet the antagonism to the "wait and see" policy that is welling up in the Conservative Party. Perhaps Christmas will come to his aid. Perhaps a war or a sex scandal or a royal marriage will miraculously appear between him and fate's cascading avalanche.

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At least for the time being, he might adhere to a humble principle of his predecessors. All communication between the Cabinet and the media should be left to qualified government press officers. They may have their limitations. They may not feed public frenzy on radio as Cabinet ministers seem to do. But they could not land the Government in a worse mess than ministe-rial do-it-yourself. Nor do they eat

By a whisker

ALARMING NEWS has come in from the island of Symi, the Dodecanese jewel renowned for its Greek sponges, where Tony Banks, Labour's forthright Member for Newham North West enjoys his summer holidays.

Banks, animal lover and vicepresident of the Cats Protection



Banks: the animal's friend

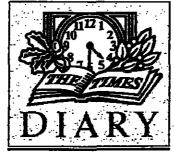
League, has been sponsoring an elderly tom on the island. He gives money to one of the locals to feed and care for him, and has spent a couple of hundred pounds on the beast over the years. But on the island, they say the

old tom has been killed by local authorities in a recent cull of cats. In the past, the officials have conducted neutering programmes to curb the cat population, but Banks was unaware of his car's fate and he is investigating. "He was always a rather pleasant old tom." said Banks yesterday.

"well endowed with a snub nose just like an MP I could name. The Greek authorities have become more aware of the sensitivity of our attitudes to cats, so I hope the reports are untrue," Banks does concede, however,

that the local chap he's been paying to look after moggie might not be spending all the cash in the desired manner: "I have noticed that, ever since I started giving him the money, his ouzos have

Earlier this year, Euro-sceptic Tories formed a new pressure group which they named Café



Society, an acronym for Conserva-tives Against a Federal Europe. In response, the rebels may soon face opposition from a body of Conservative Europhiles, considering establishing Pro-European Union Brits, or Pub.

Team player

FORGET the rows over the single currency. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor at the hub of the Government's most recent fiasco, has more important things to worry about. Nottingham Forest, his local football club, is languishing at the bottom of the Premiership.
There is quite enough talent for them to be much higher up the table," he ventures in the Notting-

ham Evening Post.

and says that pressure of work has forced him to miss most recent matches. The few he has seen this season have been even worse than the Government's performance. "I went to West Ham by getting

myself paired with an Opposition MP. They were slaughtered," he said. He believes that the manager Frank Clark can lift the side, but he remains the thrifty Chancellor down to his Hush Puppy laces, and rules out spending on transfer fees: I don't think you should assume that an injection of money solves everyone's problems."

 Rehearsais are all the sadder among the blue-rinses of the Bach Choir after the announcement that the Duchess of Kent is suffering from ME. She is a veteran of the choir, taking part in almost all their concerts. Sir David Willcocks, the 76-year-old musical director, suggests that the Duchess should continue the warbling: "I'm not a medical man, but music can be greatly uplifting to the soul."

No entree

ANGRY voices upset the whispering calm of Wilton's restaurant in Jermyn Street earlier this week as Lord Gowrie found himself denied Clarke admits to being "very his usual table. He had come in worried" by Forest's performance, with two young women on his arm.

only to be told that there had been a confusion over his booking. Not used to such treatment, Gowrie began to make a scene at the bar. Eventually, the furious peer left without his lunch.

 Placido Domingo's Covent Gar-den debut in a Wagner opera last night was not without its problems for the Royal Opera. As Siegmund in Die Walkure, he needed a costar after Anne Evans pulled out on doctor's orders from playing Sieglinde. Experienced Wagnerian Nadine Secunde was approached

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was sufficient to under that Education

and signed up, according to some sources. Covent Garden denies that she was ruled out by Placido. claiming that she was too busy. Whatever the case, the American Karen Huffstodt stepped in ably.

All out

MORE TROUBLE for England's beleaguered cricket side in Mashonaland. John Emburey, the assistant coach, has withdrawn his hyperbolic assertion on Radio 4 vesterday that The Times reporter Simon Wilde was an hour late and missed the highlights of England's pathetic performance - which was taken as a suggestion that Wilde's critical report was unreliable.

"It was an exaggeration and an off-the-cuff remark. I've since spoken with the reporter concerned about it. I understand that he was in fact five minutes late." Wilde was tardy because the lifts in his hotel were not working, and he was less than impressed with Emburey's bouncer, which caused him domestic strife - the first person to phone him was his wife. "Where have you been?" she demanded.

CHRISTMAS has been looking difficult for Jessica Lange, the



Lange: West End debut

award-winning American actress who makes her debut on the West End stage later this month at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in A Streetcar Named Desire.

Since the press night is on December 30, she thought she would spend Christmas in London with her two children and their father, the writer and actor Sam Shepard. Shepard, however, refuses to fly. "So he's coming over slowly on the QE2," says a friend. "He'll get to Southampton just in time for Christmas.



DOWN AMONG THE TORIES

Anger, gloom and barely a glimmer of seasonal cheer

in these last days before election year, the Tory party presents a cracked and crumbling face to the nation. Yesterday Sir John Gorst marked a further step on the march towards minority government at West-minster. But Sir John is merely one among many, one day's representative of the disappointed, the frustrated, the distrustful and the self-seeking, who fill the Conservatives' ranks. Tomorrow's spotlight will easily find a different MP, one driven mad by Downing Street doubts on Europe, anxious for old battles on VAT or simply keen to see his or her name in a headline.

A series of the series

The cold season of discontent has come early. This is not predominantly an outside threat, like the one that James Callaghan faced from the unions. This discontent is deepest on Mr Major's own benches, round his own Cabinet table, among his own activists. The governing party has become a

collapsing party.
It need not have been thus. Mr Major enraged his MPs by refusing to allow them a debate on a single currency; he was then rescued by his Chancellor, who found in Budget week that he was doubly invaluable to his leader. Mystery still surrounds the rext stumbling step. If the Prime Minister or his aides deliberately planted the story in Monday's Daily Telegraph that he wanted to rule out joining a single currency during the next Parliament, this was "kite-flying" of unparalleled folly. One gust of wind tore the string from his hands. If the Telegraph story occurred through the confusion or credulity of journalists, Mr Major should have tackled Kenneth Clarke before Kenneth

Clarke tackled him. The Prime Minister could have regained control. He could have reiterated the 'wait and see" policy for now, while refusing to answer hypothetical questions about the future. Instead he allowed a result which simultaneously both drew attention to his weakness and infuriated the majority of his MPs and party workers. Mr Major is left once more in search of new escape routes.

The convergence criteria for EMU still constitute a possible exit. Kenneth Clarke has said twice recently that he would not want to join a single currency whose other members had fudged their economic figures. Since fudge is all that we can expect from the Euro-negotiators, Chancellor Clarke ought reasonably to be persuaded, between now and polling day, that Britain should stay out for now on economic grounds:

If no change can be achieved, Mr Major will go into an election - which may now be sooner than he wants - with an equivocal policy at the top and anarchy below. MPs are vigorously planning freelance political careers, making up their own mini-manifes-tos so that their election addresses include a commitment to vote against Britain joining EMU. There is even the prospect of some ministers taking such a step. The election would then risk looking like the "soldier's battle" at Inkerman, when the fog was so dense, the command so calamitous and the cry of each infantryman was of every man for himself.

And that would now be a "good" outcome for Mr Major. Under a "bad" outcome, Cabinet right-wingers, furious that Mr Clarke and Michael Heseltine have been able to blackmail the Prime Minister, will ask why this small minority should have a free run. These sceptics may even threaten to resign themselves if they are not allowed a vote in Cabinet on whether to rule out joining the single currency. The fatal split, so often predicted for after the election, could yet happen before.

Luckily for Mr Major, Christmas is coming and there are no important votes in the Commons until the New Year. By January, though, the Ulster Unionist leaders will be looking more carefully at their calendars. They may continue to support the Government in the hope that a Tory recovery could deliver them their yearnedfor hung Parliament. On this week's record, however, they may believe that a Labour majority is a certainty. If so, they could now win credit for delivering the general election that Labour wants to fight while its opponents are down.

WHEN IN ROME

Carey's visit may have been more valuable than it appeared

John Paul II received his guest with appropriate courtesy and all due pomp, he adopted a somewhat uncompromising tone. He stressed his unique role and special obligation as "the successor of St Peter" to pronounce on all doctrinal questions. While His Holiness acknowledged a "new spirit of co-operation" between members of the two faiths, he also took the chance offered by their "common declaration" to denounce the ordination of women priests as the chief obstacle to further ecumenicalism.

This trip, however, had wider objectives than surviving formal meetings with the Pope. When he arrived in Rome four years ago on a private tour, Dr Carey, then fresh in office and barely familiar with his own post, arrived with a small entourage and very limited ambitions. His impact was tarnished in advance by his own rather. undiplomatic remarks about the papal position on birth control.

By contrast, on this occasion he has been surrounded by what may be the most highcalibre delegation ever led abroad by an Archbishop of Canterbury. That team has engaged in intensive discussions with the wider hierarchy of the Vatican. Deliberations between the two Churches have rarely been more intensive. Although conducted away from the public glare, such ties will come into their own if a future Pope wanted to initiate a more accommodating relationship with Anglicans. That pontiff might well be Carlo Maria Martini, Archbishop of Milan, with whom Dr Carey held convivial

At first glance the Archbishop of Canterbury talks yesterday. Their dialogue reflects the made very little progress in his first official Church of England's objective of broadening. confacts with the Koman Catholic Church rather than concentrating exclusively on the personal chemistry between the respective spiritual leaders. Any rewards for these efforts will not come for some time.

There are also clear limits to the progress that can be made towards unity between the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions. The differences between the two in both theological terms and in church governance are substantial. The ordination of women may reinforce those distinctions but it did not create them. Even in the implausible circumstance that the Church of England reversed its stand on the female priesthood, reunification with Rome would not follow. That reality was acknowledged by the Anglican Church when it embraced the Porvoo Agreement with Lutherans last month.

None of this suggests that the Archbishoo's efforts are futile. Ecumenicalism is about moving Christians closer together and enhancing mutual understanding, not necessarily preparing for merger. The separate and distinctive features of Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, if recognised and respected, can be a force that strengthens God's word. The "common declaration" issued by Archbishop Carey and the Pope encourages their followers that "whenever they are able to give united witness to the Gospel they must do so, for our divisions obscure the Gospel message of reconciliation and hope." Jesus sought one universal Church but not necessarily a uniform institution. The prospect for that co-operation has been quietly enhanced by Dr Carey.

THE MASHONALAND QUESTION

Four Whitehall ways to look at a seven-wicket defeat

PM/Mash./Ather./Classified/7xii.96). You have asked, Prime Minister, for a full and urgent report on the Mashonaland Question, namely the England cricket team's recent seven-wicket defeat at the hands of that distant region's eleven. Please find attached a list of our observations.

1. Reach for The Times Atlas. Mashonaland is the northern half of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, bordered on the east by the Portuguese-speaking land of Mozambique. It is watered by the rivers Ummati and Umfuli, and is 109,232 square kilometres in size. (Footnote: although instructive on geography, this approach sheds little light on England's mortifying debacle.)

2. Look on what is vulgarly called "the bright side". The Mashonaland cricket team is the best in Zimbabwe (which has a twoteam national cricket championship). A loss to them is, arguably, not quite the disaster that some of the more overheated cricket correspondents are saying it is. It is not as if Michael Atherton's men have lost to Matabeleland (refer to aforementioned atlas once more). Now that, truly, would be time to deploy our emergency bowling machine.

3. Adopt a Machiavellian approach for the next tour. Since Mashonaland's main players are all tobacco farmers, make sure that England's next visit is smack in the middle of Zimbabwe's tobacco harvest. We would

then face a substitute team composed mainly of chicken farmers and maizegrowers, which, we are informed by our High Commission in Harare (formerly Salisbury), would be a much less daunting task for our men in white flannels. (Talking point: Zimbabwe's tobacco is rather good because its seedlings are thinly mulched and germinated outdoors in cold frames.)

4. Send a prime ministerial rocket to Mr Atherton (forgetting for the moment that you sympathise with his beleaguered position, and that you share with him a talent for weaving tapestries of crisis from the barest threads). England are still a bit rusty," said Mr Atherion after the defeat. We think that he should be told that this is poppycock. Whereas that may once have served as a genuine excuse for our sepia-tinted teams of old, which sauntered for months in steamships to tours in distant parts, modern cricketers must not be allowed to invoke such arguments. Have they not heard of "pre-season training"? Even our political parties engage in that, with their "pre-

season" conferences in seaside places. Mr Atherton has a poor back. We suggest, also, that he has a poor attitude. You must tell him so, with the full face of your prime ministerial bat. This is much more important than EMU, so please do not mince words as you usually do. (End memo).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Homosexuality as a political issue

From Sir Ian McKellen

Sir, in his latest outburst against homosexuals, Dr Adrian Rogers, prospective parliamentary candidate in Exeter (letter, December 4), has three odd ideas. He implies that we gays are unfitted to be Members of Parliament. He "regrets deeply" open discussion about sexuality amongst the young (what he terms "the campaign to deceive a generation of young people that homosexuality is normal"). And he would certainly suppress any

"display" of homosexuality.
What has he to complain of? Only two Members of the Commons say that they are gay. Section 28 of the 1988 Local Government Act discourages state school teachers from educating their pupils in this matter. Declaring (and thereby "displaying") one's ho-mosexuality can be legal grounds for dismissal from employment in the

United Kingdom.

Dr Rogers is not the first Christian to confuse a personal concept of sin with public criminal law. Yet, with harsh laws on his side, as well as the ancient bias of his religion, why does he feel he is the one person who is pre-pared to speak publicly for "a silent and cowed majority"?

With such a whiff of paranoia in the

election air, perhaps it is not, after all, Dr Roger's gay rival at the polls who is unfitted to be Member of Parliament for Exeter.

IAN McKELLEN c/o ICM, Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, WI. December 4.

From Mr Michael Grandage

Sir. Dr Adrian Rogers writes that he would suppress any "display" of ho-

A doctor who is also a Christian might be expected to understand that a lifetime of lying about one's sexuality is bad for the health and for the

A prospective parliamentary candidate might also realise that it is bad for the nation's life, in that honesty becomes a victim of discrimination and prejudice.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL GRANDAGE, 3'Brewster Road, El0. December 4.

From the Executive Director of Stonewall

Sir, Dr Rogers is entitled to his views, however distasteful or indeed peculiar. But he goes too far when he claims that he is "far more tolerant of other persons" views than the homosexual lobby is of people like himself.

No one is calling for Dr Rogers to be criminalised for airing his views. But he himself said, only last month in an interview on Radio 5, that if he had his way "there would be no gay clubs, no book shops, no contact organisations. They would be proscribed by law."

Yours sincerely ANGELA MASON, Executive Director, Stonewall, 16 Clerkenwell Close, EC1. December 4.

From the President of the Exeter Conservative Association

Sir. Dr Rogers was adopted as our prospective parliamentary candidate by a democratic meeting, open to all Conservative Association members. He was selected in the full knowledge of all his opinions and pre-vious political activities, including

those on homosexuality. As of this date neither I nor the association office has received any call. from either the public or our mem-bers, for the deselection of our prospective candidate. He will not be deselected, and has the full backing of the Exeter Conservative Association. Dr Rogers is a convenient bogey-

man for the homosexual lobby to hate. Yours sincerely, PERCY EVERSON. President.

Exeter Conservative Association. 47a Magdalen Road, Exeter, Devon. December 6.

From Mr Stephen Twigg

Sir, Surely, we have progressed beyond the point where serious political opinion can suggest that it is unacceptable for someone to be an MP simply because they are openly gay.

There are increasing numbers of us - in all parties - standing for Parliament and open about the fact that we are lesbian or gay. This is not in order to create an issue but because we want to be open and honest with the electorate.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN TWIGG (Labour prospective parliamentary candidate for Enfield Southgate), c/o Fabian Society, Il Dartmouth Street, SWI.

From Mr Rikki Cleeve

Sir, It was most thoughtful of Dr Rogers and Mr Mike Carter to write and confirm Matthew Parris's article of December 2.

I was initially not totally convinced by it, but now I see how right Mr Partis is.

Yours faithfully RICK CLEEVE, 15 Eton Hall. Eton College Road, NW3. December 4.

Advent hymns, ancient v modern

From the Reverend Michael Crowther-Green

Sir, I thank Roger Scruton for his article, "Silent night of our hymns" (November 30) and agree with him

The musical culture . . . which has been the greatest source of joy to me and my contem-poraries is now dormant, surfacing for a week or so each Christmas, but too feeble to stay awake beyond Boxing Day.

I am glad he included Advent hymns and carols, for they too are a source of great inspiration. Many are translations from Greek or Latin and are memorable for the succinct way in which they introduce themes of hope, joy and justice - and of judgment (not a popular theme nowadays). Advent has been lost in the commercialisation of this season and the loss of its message distorts what follows.

The great festivals of the Christian year point to God and his initiative: there is a hunger and thirst to hear again that Good News. I regret that too many modern songs are so human-centred as to suggest that we are losing some of our cosmic vision. Without vision, the people perish. Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL CROWTHER-GREEN, 8 Egerton Road. Reading, Berkshire. December 2.

From the Reverend Alan Haine

Sir. The new hymns in Mission Praise, so despised by Roger Scruton, are frequently used in tandem with the Methodist Church's own hymn book. They fulfil a genuine need amongst many Methodist worship-pers to address the Almighty in a style which they find natural to them.

Scruton cites, with the exception of Blake's Jerusalem (personally, I can well do without it: as has been rightly said, its first verse is nothing but a series of questions all expecting the answer "No"). Mission Praise retains Parry's tune, but sets it to some modern words; it also outdoes the 1950 edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern in that it includes the Vaughan Williams tune to Come down, O Love

The current full edition of the book

includes all the classic hymns which

In Matthew xiii, 52, Jesus suggests that the scribe properly trained for the kingdom of heaven is one "who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old". In hymnody and in liturgy we need to hallow the traditional. which still enshrines our faith, but to leave room also for the new.

Yours faithfully, ALAN HAINÉ. The Manse, Middlefield Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. December 1.

From Mr G. C. Steele

Sir, This Christmas, according to Mission Praise, we can sing "O come all you faithful", an emasculated version of Once in royal David's city (no more "all in white shall wait around") and, worst of all, the seraph in verse 4 of While shepherds watched is replaced by a mere angel.

Milton, thou shouldst be living at this hour!

Yours faithfully. G. C. STEELE, 33 Bounds Oak Way, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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Lottery policy

From the Secretary of State for National Heritage

Sir. Your leading article on the National Lottery, "Cunningham's number" (December 3), was misleading in two key aspects.

You assert that our intention is that when the Millennium Fund ends, its money will be redistributed among the other four good causes. That is not so. The Government has already announced innovative plans for the use of the millennium good cause money in the next century.

Michael Heseltine told the Conservative Party conference on October 10 that we will create a new information and communication technology fund, designed to enrich our lives with 'information of every sort to everybody" -- probably the most exciting IT initiative this country has ever seen.

You charge that the lottery is a regressive tax. On the contrary, evimost, with the unemployed playing the least. And as for "the poor paying for the playthings of the rich", the facts show that small local projects up and down the country have been the main beneficiaries of the lottery, with over 50 per cent (5.628) of awards for projects of less than £50,000. Less than 3 per cent of awards are for projects of over £1 million.

The policy of the Labour Party towards the lottery is based more on ideological spite than reasoned or coherent argument. It would make a refreshing change if the Opposition for once accepted this success story rather than proposing to threaten these achievements. Unlike Labour, we will not raid the nation's lottery to fund frontline public spending programmes.

Yours faithfully, VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY. House of Commons. December 4.

Brunel auction

From Mr Michael M. Chrimes

Sir. The success of the sale of Bruneliana at Christie's (report, November 30) has serious implications for our national heritage.

The surviving documentary record of the Brunels' activities is virtually complete (whilst that of Isambard Kingdom's chief rivals, Robert Stephenson and Joseph Locke, is frag-mentary), and the decision by a descendant to sell a share of the family heritage could have offered an opportunity to bring almost all these papers together again, for the first time in perhaps a century.

Instead, the auction sale has precluded the acquisition of an important part of our national heritage by a single publicly accessible archive - in this case, Bristol University. The university indeed acquired much of the material, as did the Institution of Civil Engineers, but our national heritage has been appreciably weakened over-

The sucress of the sale will inevitably tempt others, and more fragmentation will follow. No obvious solution presents itself. One can only hope that private guardians of our national heritage will act responsibly and accept that they have an obligation to their forebears in maintaining the integrity of their heritage.

Yours etc. M. M. CHRIMES (Head Librarian). The Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street. Westminster, SWI.

Going to St Ives

From Mr Michael Knight

Sir, Lorry drivers may not be the only people to mistake St Ives, Cambridgeshire (letters, November 22, 28). I am told that when the artist Willie Watt Milne (1865-1949) travelled from Edinburgh to visit the artist's colony in St Ives, Cornwall, he arrived here by accident, took lodgings at the nearby village of Houghton, and was so entranced with the area that he spent the rest of his life there, moving to a house in St Ives in 1932. He left a magnificent legacy of paintings of the town, the river and the surrounding countryside. His mistake was Cornish Porthia's loss and our own Bishop Ivo's gain. Ivo was a 7th-century Persian

bishop who visited England to convert

From his Honour Alan King-Hamilton, QC

Sir, When the spokesman for Ede & Ravenscroft, suppliers of legal robes. said (Diary, December 5) "They [black nylon tights for judges cover a multi-tude of sins", did he drop an airch? Yours faithfully.

ALAN KING-HAMILTON. Royal Air Force Club. 128 Piccadilly, Wl. December 6.

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December 2. the heathen. He was taken to be a saint by the monks of Ramsey Abbey, who built St Ivo's Priory near the vil-

lage of Slepe (later known as St Ives);

his presumed grave was found nearby

some 1,000 years ago. The details of

this story are in The Life and Miracles of St Ivo by S. B. Edgington, published by the Friends of the Norris Muse-By a strange coincidence. Cambridgeshire shares another saint with Cornwall - St Neot, Hopefully, there are no lorry drivers stuck outside Liskeard, desperately seeking a destination on the edge of the Fens.

Yours. MICHAEL KNIGHT, Quay Court, Bull Lane, St Ives, Cambridgeshire. December 4.

Millennium fountains Legally covered From Mrs G. A. Falvey

Sir, Mrs E. M. Thomas calls for more water displays, like the Shelley memorial at Horsham, which make imaginative and original use of water, are simple in form, open to the sky and open to the public (letter, November 29; see also letter. December, 4). London has such a display: the Canadian War Memorial in Green Park, unveiled by the Queen in June

Built of red Canadian granite, with carved insets of maple leaves, a film of water continually flows over it mirroring the changing seasons, light, sky and clouds. The viewer's imagination

Yours faithfully, GRACE A. FALVEY, Hamoton Manor. Evesham, Worcestershire.

and sensibility are engaged.

Threat to purity of English trees

From Mr P. J. Church

Sir, I was pleased to read Nick Nuttall's report "English oak threatened by cheap foreign seedlings" (Novem-

The gene pool of our native trees is indeed being polluted by imported stock — not just oak but beech, pine and many other species. The reason is not, as Mr Nuttall suggests, merely one of price; it is also a matter of availability.

European forestry regulations re-quire that, if grant is to be paid, spe-cies grown for timber such as oak and beech can only be grown from seed collected from a registered "stand" (a block of trees selected specifically for that purpose). In the UK these regulations are applied strictly by the Forestry Commission and there are not enough stands, especially of oak, to

meet demand from nurseries. Seed is therefore imported from registered European stands, not all of which are as strictly controlled as ours. If the Forestry Commission were to accelerate the registration of new seed stands more native stock of pro-

ven quality would become available.

Meanwhile landscape designers in the UK are increasingly specifying native stock originating "where poss-ible" in the very county in which it is to be planted. This is often an impossible demand for nurseries to meet, due to the length of lead time required, and the contractor will therefore turn to imported stock.

Part of the answer lies, I suggest, in the preparation of guidelines for land-scape designers, defining broad provenance zones such as eastern England or southwest Scotland. Too rigid a specification of the acceptable zone of origin defeats its own purpose.

Yours faithfully, P. J. CHURCH (Managing Director), Alba Trees pic Lower Winton. Gladsmuir, East Lothian. November 29.

From Mr Mike Townsend

Sir, As Britain's largest charity dedicated solely to conserve native wood-land, the Woodland Trust has been working for nearly 25 years to protect native tree species. It currently owns over 800 woods nationwide, covering more than 36,000 acres; it plants only oak of British origin, which we guarantee by a certificate tracing the tree's scheme incorporates the 200 new woods for the millennium which will be created by the "Woods on Your Doorstep" projects to which your report refers.

A number of major nurseries, such as Maelor Nurseries in Shropshire. now provide information on provenance for a range of British tree species. Unfortunately, the number of nurseries which operate schemes of this type is still insufficient to meet the total demand for broadleaved trees in Britain.

Yours respectfully, MIKE TOWNSEND Director of Woodland Operations), The Woodland Trust. Autumn Park, Dysart Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire. November 26.

From Mrs Pat Davies

Yours faithfully,

Sir, Contrary to the information given in the illustration accompanying Nick. Nuttall's report, red squirrels cannot digest acorns. They leed mainly on hazelnuts and conifer seeds, leaving acorns to their grey cousins, who can exist on them.

Weald, Sevenoaks, Kent.

What's in a name?

PAT DAVIES, Sheepleas, Wickhurst Road.

From Mr George Speak Sir, I am obliged to comment on the recent correspondence on the significance of names (November 14, 21, 26,

Yours faithfully GEORGE SPEAK. 7 Scott Close, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. December 2

From the Dean of Lichfield

Sir, Flying from Heathrow to Torontolast year, I had a Mr Rong sitting on my right. Unfortunately his English was so rudimentary that I didn't even attempt to explain who was sitting on

Yours etc. TOM WRIGHT. The Deanery, Lichfield, Staffordshire. December 4.

An orderly life From Mrs P. A. Mills

Sir, Mrs Sheridan Taylor can share the (dubious?) honour of being her husband's "reliable databank" (letter, November 29) with the wife of G. K.

This notoriously absent-minded gentleman sent a telegram to his wife with the following request: "Am in: Market Harborough. Where ought I'

Yours faithfully, PAULINE A. MILLS, 34 Holmfield Avenue. Stoneygate, Leicester.

December 2.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 6: The Duke of York this afternoon attended the Fiftieth Anniversary Annual General Meeting of the Royal Naval Birdwatching Society at the Royal Geographical Society, London

His Royal Highness this evening attended a concert in the presence of The Queen of Norway at Westminster Abbey, London SWI, to celebrate the Fifteth Anniversary of the gift of the Norwegian Christmas Tree to the people of London.

December 6: The Princess Royal, Patron, Citizens Advice Scotland. this morning visited Maryhill Citizens Advice Bureau, 1145 Maryhill Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the National Audistic Society. later opened the Society's Scottish of-fices at II Union Street, Glasgow. The Princess Royal this after-

Summer Fields, Oxford

The Governors of Summer Fields are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Robin Badham-Thornhill, currently Headmaster of Lambrook School and formerly Housemaster at Chelten-ham College, as Headmaster. He will take up the appointment in September 1997 in succession to retiring after 32 years at the school, and 22 years as Headmaster.

The President of Hungary has invested Viscount Rothermere with the Order of Merit of the Hungarian Republic Middle Cross with Star.

toon opened the new Schiehallion

Unit at the Royal Hospital for Sick

December 6: The Prince of Wales today visited Liverpool and was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr

His Royal Highness, President,

Business in the Community, this morning opened Phase 2 of the

development at the Eldonian Vil-

lage and met winners of the Community Enterprise Awards. The Prince of Wales afterwards

lauriched the Merseyside Chall-enge "Light Up Someone's Christ-mas" at St George's Hall. His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the Conservation Centre — part of the National Museums and Gallerles on

The Prince of Wales President.

The Prince's Trust, later visited the

Sandpipers Centre, Southport, and

met recipients of respite care and

participants of the Trust's Volun-teers programme.

Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

University news Oxford

Oriel College

Merseyside

Election to an Emeritus Fellow-ship: W.E. Parry, Fellow of the College and Tutor in Mathematics, 1961-96.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY Sir Fred Atkinson, civil servant, 77: Mr Roy Avery, former Headmaster, Bristol Grammar School, 71; Viscount Boyd of Merton, 57; Mr Donald Crichton-Miller, former Headmaster, Fettes College and Stowe School, 90; Judge Lord Elystan-Morgan, 64; Mr David Evans, trade unionist, 61; Mr Kaffe Fassett, textile designer, 59; Profes-sor Lawrence Freedman, FBA, war historian, 48; Professor Sir Abra-ham Goldberg, physician, 73; Professor N. Gowar, Principal. Royal Holloway University of London, 56; Dr A.J. Higgins, director, Animal Health Trust, Newmarket. 48; Sir Bryan Hopkin, civil servant, 82; Mr Chris Joynt, rugby league player, 25; Mr Victor Kiam, chairman, Remington Products Company, 70; the Countess of Limerick, former chairman, British Red Cross, 61; Sir Sydney Samuelson, British Film Commissioner, 71; Mr Roger J. Taylor, deputy chairman, Royal and Sun lliance Insurance Group, 55; The Rev R.C.Trounson, former Prin-cipal, St Chad's College, Durham, 70; Mr Eli Wallach, actor, 81; Miss

TOMORROW

Miss Kirn Basinger, actress, 43; Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lord-Lieuten-ant of Tyne and Wear, 71; Sir Julian Critchley, MP, 66; Dr Susan Danby, Principal, College of the Royal Academy of Dancing, 52; Sir Peter Daniell, former Senior Gov-ernment Broker, 87; Mr Harold Elletson, MP, 36; Professor Sir Roger Elliott, FRS, physicist, 68; Mr Lucian Freud, OM, CH, painter, 74.

Mr James Galway, flute player, 57; Sir de Villiers Graaff, former South African politician, 83; Mrs Pauline Green, MEP, 48; Sir David Hay, cardiologist, and his twin brother Sir Hamish Hay, former Mayor of Christchurch, New Zealand, 69; Mr Geoff Hurst, footballer, 55; Sir Peter Levene, former chairman, Canary Wharf, 55: Mr Terry McDermott, foothaller, 46: Mr Justice Jonathan Parker, 59: Lord Prys-Davies, 73; Mr D.J. Ver chairman, Lazard Brothers, 46; Earl Waldegrave, 56; Mr Lynn Wilson, chairman, Wilson 57. (Connolly) Holdings.

Service dinner

ist Regiment Royal Horse Artillery Past and present members of 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery held their annual Reunion Dinner at Woolwich last night. Major Regimental Colonel, presided. Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, Master Gunner St James's Park, was the principal

Dinners

Parish Clerks' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the ual patronal dinner of the Parish Clerks' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, the Rev Graham Blacktop, presided, assisted by Mr O.W.H. Clark and Mr J.D. Hebblethwaite, Wardens. The Lord Mayor, Sir John Welch, Parish Clerk of St Michael Paternoster Royal, and the Right Rev Lord Runcie

Royal, and the kight New Lord Kuther-also spoke.
Earlier, the Rev Richard Hayes officiated and the Bishop of London was the preacher at Holy Commu-nion at St Mary Woolnoth.

Service luncheon Royal Artillery Council
of Scotland

Colonel J.G. Mathieson presided at Colonel J.G. Matheson presider at the autumn meeting of the Royal Artillery Council of Scotland held yesterday at the Army Headquarters Scotland. General Str Martin Farndale, Brigadier M.G. Douglas-Withers and Lieunenan-Colonel G.A. Thom were the principal guests at a luncheon held afterwards.



Jenny Agutter shows the plaque in memory of Dilys Powell to Ivor Powell, her nephew

Dilys Powell remembered

Dilys Powell, former film critic of The Sunday Times, was unveiled in London this week by the actress Jenny Agutter. Miss Powell wrote about films for the paper for more than 50 years until her death, aged 93, in June last

Miss Agutter, star of The Railway Children, said that she had been given great encouragement in the early days of her acting career by Miss Powell's reviews "Dilys was a great enthusiast of films

A plaque celebrating the contribution made to cinema by plaque, one of a number unveiled throughout the country to commemorate 100 years of cinema. will be placed on the front of the house in Albion Street, near Hyde Park, where Miss Powell lived for more than half a century.

Appointment

Mr Christopher McLaren to be Hon Treasurer of the English-Speaking Union of the Common-wealth in succession to Mr Robin

Memorial service

Sir Charles Sopwith A memorial service for Sir Charles Sopwith, former Second Counsel to the Chairman of Committees, House of Lords, was held yesterday at the

of Lords, was held yesterday at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sarratt, Rickmansworth. The Rev Peter Hart officiated. Mr Robert Williams, great nephew, read the lesson.

Mr Derek Rippengal, QC, and Mr Stephen Fletcher, great nephew, gave addresses. Members of the family and friends were present.

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

The Annual General Meeting and Branch Chairmen's National Conference of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners was held on November 30 at Phillips Fine Arts Auctioneers. Mr Geoffrey Shimdler, Chairman of the Society, presided. Chairman and representatives from twenty nine Branches were present

Luncheons

Butchers' Company
Mr M.R. Karz, Master of the Bu ers' Company, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Burchers' Hall for the presentation of prizes for the Meat Training Council, Mr. Christopher Gill, MP, chairman of the council, was the speaker.

Saints and Sinners Club
Mr. Terry Weite Mr. Bobbie Glen

Mr Terry Waite, Mr Robbie Glen, Mr Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie and Mr Meil Benson were the speakers at a the Christmas luncheon of the Saints and Sinners Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Gay Kindersley

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.H. O'Connor and the Hon Katharina B.A. Grenfell The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Connor, of Florida, and Katharina, daughter of Lord Grenfell and of Gabrielle Lady Grenfell, of New York. Mr P.S. Ashby

and Miss A.C. Baker The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs D. Ashby, of Streetly, and Alicia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.F. Baker, of Streetly, Sutton Coldfield.

Mr J.L. Fisher

and Miss E.f. Skipper
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs R. Fisher, of Evesham, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs DJ. Skipper, of Woburn.

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Mr S.G. Petopoulos
and Ms C.E.A. Younger
The eagagement is announced
between Serafeim, son of Mr and
Mrs Gavrills Potopoulos, of
Rethymnon, Crete, and Candia,
daughter of Mr David Younger, of
Dunoon, Argyllshire, and Mrs
Alny Younger, of Haddington,
East Lothian.
Dr C.W. Melntyre

Dr C.W. McIntyre
and Miss N.J. Turck
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs William McIntyre, of Stapleburst, Kent, and Natasha, daughter of Dr Walter Turck, of Edenfield, Lancashire, and Mrs Helen Felsenstein, of Jerusalem.

Mr J.A. MacCormae and Miss C.N. Addison The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs

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Sidney MacCormac, of Sitting-bourge, Kent, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Addison, of East Portlemouth, Devon. Mr A.E. Parsons and Miss C.F. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Adam, only son of Mr and Mrs Victor Parsons, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Catherine Frances, only daughter of the late Mr Edward Lewis and of Mrs Sandra Lewis, of Heronsgate, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.C. Way and Miss K.E. Jones The engagement is amounced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Terry Way, of Windleships Surrey, and Katharine, daughte of Mr and Mrs Neville Jones of Harpenden, Herdordshire Mr S.D. Weston and Miss C.E. Machin

The engagement is announce between Steven David, younge son of Mr and Mrs Edward Weston, of Chesham Buckinghamshire and Class Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs Samuel Machin, of Gerrards Cross Buckinghamshire.

Anniversaries are on the facing page

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday in Advent ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL ABERDEEN: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch: 6.30,Choral E.

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HC: 10.15 S Euch: 6.30,Choral E.
ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 MP:
Benedicine (Barnes), Never weather-bearen sall
(Campion), Canon V Twaddel! 3.15 Choral E.
And die glory of the Lord (Handel).
BEIFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch.
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BEIFAST CATHEDRAL: 19 MP; 9.15 HC.
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC.
11 Choral Euch, Darke in E. O People of Zion
(Tone Vil), Octoll omnium (Wood), The Provost
4 Choral E. Dygon in D. O come Emmanuel (art
Catter), Rev A Priesiley.
BEECON CATHEDRAL: 8, 11 Holy Euch.
Plainsong: 3.30 E. Purcell in G minor, Nun
komm der Hellen Helland (Bach).
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 S
Euch: 9.30 Mr. 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in F K192
(Mczard, Lasset uns frohlokken (Mendelssinon),
Rev Dr M Chandler; 3.15 L Ireland in F.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 K; 8 HC: 10.30 S
Euch, Darke in F, Jesus Christ, the apple tree
Proston), Canon D Weston: 3 E. The Blessed
Viggin Mary Service (Foster), Rejoice in the Lord
alway (Procet)).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Rev
Jones, 9.30 Euch, Canon J Barnes: 11.15 Choral
M, Te Deum In F, Jubiliate in C (Ireland), Turn
back O Man (Holsti: 3 Wilkow Tree Carol Service;
6 E. Pauxbourdons (Morley), How beautiful
Shahed, Canon Dr T Dennik: 11.30 Choral M,
Backson in G, Canon M Rees: 3.30 Choral E,
Purcell in E minor, Thy word is a iannem
(Purcell): 6.30 Evening, Canon M Rees.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10 M.
Harris in A. Bebold I make all things new
(Bose), The Chancellor; 11 S Euch, Darke in F.
Lestenhur coel (Byrd), Rev P Atkinson: 3.30 E.
Bainstow in D, The Wilderness (Gost).
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC.
10 M. 8 Seymon, Jackson in G, The Archidescon Baission in D. The Widerness (Goss).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Ordord: 8 HC.
10 M & Sermon, Jacisson in G. The Archdeacon
of Oxford: 11,15 S Euch, Missa simile est
regnum coelorum (victoria), Biest are the
patient hearted (Brahms). The Precentor 6 E.
Lord let me know mine end (Greene).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8
Communion: (10.30 Ruch, Missa orbis lactor
(Palinsong). O taste and see (Vaughan
Williams). Centon V Fault: 3 German: 5.30 E. O
laste and see (Vaughan Williams), Short Service
(Aylevard). Teach me O Lord (Byrd).

DURRAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon D Brown; 10 M, Purcell in 8 Bat, Hide not thou thy face (Parrand, The Precentor: 11.15 HC, Darke in 5, Sacerdottes Domini (Byrd), Canon M Perry: 3.30 E, Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Wise) EMETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Lizny to the Holy Spirit (Hunford), Worth Service (Tanner), Listen sweet dove (Ives),

Gibbons), Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell). 6.30 Seenling, Teach me O Lord (Antwood), The Dean. HEREPORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Buch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Teach me O Lord (Byrd), The Treasurer. 11.30 M, Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Latterfur coeli (Byrd), 3.30 E. Rev J de la Tour) Davies.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Rev Prof D Martin: 9.45 S Ench, Litary (Tallis), Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Mrs F Gerland: 11.15 M, Te Deum Collegium Regale (Howells), A spotiess rose (Howells), Canon Dr M Palmer, 6.30 E. Tours thus (Gorreich, Miss E Mellons. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Raydn), Benedicire in B flat (Sumsion), Ave verum corpus (Mozard, The Chancellor; 3.30 E. Try word is a lannern (Byrd). LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Linary; 8: 12.30 HC 9.30 S Euch, Daries in F, The furth from above (Vaughan Williams), Rev Dr J Newton; 11.15 M, Benedicire in D minor (Marshall), Adam lay y-bounden (Warlock; 3.45 E, Wise in F, Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), The Dean LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Epch. Canon Dr J Elford; 3 Choral E, Canon N Vincent; 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC. Canon B Langley; 9.30 S Buch, Daries in E, Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E Purcell in G minor, Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E Purcell in G minor, Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E purcell in G minor, Canon J Atherton: 6.30 E purcell in G minor, Canon J Atherton: MewCastile Cathedral: 10.30 M, Ench die O Lord (Byrd); 6.30 E This is the truth (Vaughan Williams), Evening Hymn (Gardiner).

NEWCASTIE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Teach me O Lord (Byrd); 6.30 E The secret of Christ (Stephand).

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 9.30 M, Benedicire in F (Ashfields; 10.30 Ecch. The

Into Laylor.

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PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 9.30
M. Benedicire in F (Ashfields; 10.30 Euch. The Precentor; 3.30 E. The Fourth Service (Banen). Thy word is a langen (Purcell).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, The Dean; 9.30
Parish Ench, Missa Lauda Sion (Palestrina).

Great Lord of Lords (Globons). Canon T Johnson; 11.30 M. Awake Awake (Wissi; 12.30 Euch, Canon E Eason; 3 Holy Baptism; 5.30 E. Dayl in 8 Bat, Awake to Stord and hasten (Bach).

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 M.
Benedicite (Sumsion in B flat), Open dry gares
to him who weeping waits (Bainton); 10.50 S
EUCh. William in E list (no Gloria), Canon P
Lock: 12 Informal Organ Rective!: 1.51 normal
Concert: 3.15 E. Gray in F minor, Before the
ending of the day (Chambers); 7.30 Kent Youth SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Very Rev D. Watson; 10 Euch, Missa Alma redemptoris Mater (Victoria), Christus factus est (Anerio), Canon D Durston; 11.30 M, Benedictie in G (Jackson), Jobilate (Collegium Regale) (Howelis). There is a spring flower (arr

Pretorius!, Rev A Philip; 3 E. Wesley in B. Come ye and let us go up (Naylor).

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL; 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S. Euch, Missa bel amfit (lassus). The Tree of Life (Poston), Canon C Smith; 6.30 E & Sermon, Second Service (Gibbons). Half gladdening light (Wood). The Provost: 7.45 Cinrist in Quiet. TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M: 10 S. Buch. Sarnlord in C & F. The Apple Tree (Poston). The Dean; 3.30 Christingle Service, The Chancellor, 6 E. Ave Mariz (Parsons), The Librarian.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon G. Naim-Briggs; 9.15 Parish Communion, Adam lay y bounden (Warlock). Canon P. Price. 11 Soliemn Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Canon P. Price. Solemn Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Cannon Price.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9.45 S Euch, Darke in R. Jesu the very thought of thee (Balrison), Preb A Wallace 11.30 M & Holy Baptism, Benedictus (Harwood in A find, Teach me O Lord (Liwtood); 3 g. The Sallsbury Service (Lloyd), And I saw a new heaven (Balrison); Rev G Farran: 6 WCS Advent Service.

WESTMINSTER ABBET: 8 HC. 10 M Benedictus (Byrd), Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Canon D Hutt 11.15 Euch, Mass (Lewis, People look East (Anon), Nun komm der Heiden Heiland Bwyts59 (Bach), Rev J Goodalt; 3 E. Victoria in the First Tone, Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Rev J Hamis SAS Organ Rechal; 6.30 M, Jubliane (Britten) in C., Rejouce in the Lord alway (Redford), Rev D Lindsay; 11.30 Euch, Linde Gran Mass (Haydn), Util Caritis (Durunie); 3.30 E. Hall gladdening light (Wood), Rev P Mongan, WORTESTER CATHEDRAL: 9, 30 Family Euch, The Archdeacon; 11 S Euch, Mass for Five voices (Byrd), Laetennur coelis (Byrd), Canon P Winstone; 4 E Caeberation, Gray in Fminor, Vox Dicentis (Naylor), Rev D M Dossen.

YORK MINSTER: 8,44 HC. 10 S Euch, Miest Brevis (Palestina), Rev L Sanbridge; 11.30 M, Jackson in G, 4 E Wood in F, Hostinns to the Son of David (Gibbons), Rev C Rowling.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL: Cwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral M, Rejoloc in the Lord alway (Purcell), The Dean; 3.30 EP, ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL E. HC; 9.30 Cymun Bendigald, Y Canon; 9.30 Farish Esch, The The Dean; 3.30 EP.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Cymun Bendigad, Y Canon; 9.30 Parish Esch, The Succentor: 11.15 Choral M. Benedicine Sumsion in 8 flat, bubliate fireland in Fl, And the glory of the Lord (Handel), The Canon; 6 Choral E. Murrill in E. This is the record of John (Gibbons), The Dean.

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL, Suffolic 8 HC: 10 S Euch, Misse Parodia (Trepte), No safe the control of the Canon of the Ca http://www.niss.ratomatirepel.no.sericagn. https://www.niss.ratomatirepel.no.sericagn. https://www.niss.ratomatirepel.no.sericagn. ST CEORGE'S CATREDNAL Southwark 8, 10,6 1M; 11.30 Solem M. Mass in A minor Casciolini, wachet auf (Bach), Mgr L White. ST MACHAR'S CATHEDNAL Olf Aberden:

10.45 Morning, O thou the crimal art (Wood, Sing we merrily (Murray), Rev R Frazer, b Evering, Rev R Frazer, b Evering, Rev R Frazer, control of the state of the MEY J MCMARIOR.

THE ORATORY, Brampton Road, 5W7: 7, 3, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Missa Enge bone (19e), Ecce Dominus veniet (Micoria), 12, 3, 4, 30, 7 Mass. 3, 30 v & B, Ave verum corpus (Wilson), WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC: 11 Annual Christingie Service, Rev. Dr. 1 Griffithz.

WESTARYSTER CENTRAL II Annual Christingie Service, Rev Dr. I. Griffitha.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), 5W1: 11, 6.30,
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St. ECZ: 11 Choral Euch, Rev F Schmiege, 7 Lutheran Choral Vespert, Andreas Fischer, ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, ECI: 9 Hc. II Choral Buch, Mass for Five Voices (Byrd), Rev D Burgess, 6.30 Alma Redemptoris Mater—An Advent Celebration.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, ECA: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jackson in G, flow like an arigel came I down (Draylos), Canour J Cates; 6.30 Choral E. Handel's Messiah, Canour J Cates; 6.30 Choral E. Handel's Messiah, Canour J Cates; 6.30 Choral S. ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral M, Carnerbury Service (Howells), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Purcell), Rev P Bishop.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOPEAND, Polificates, SWI: 11 Rev Prof G Newlands; 6.30 Rev W Calins.
ST ETHELDREDAS. Elv Place I. I. S Mass. Missa CHIDS.
STETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: I I S Mass, Missa
Octavi Toni (Lassus), Dini Maria (Flassled), Veni
O Saplennia (Plainsong).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, WI: 8.30 HC:
I S Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells), The
Rector.

ST LUKES, Chelses, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP& HC, St. Teress; 6.30 E, Thy word is a langer (Purcell), Rev L Matabula. de coelo (Tallis), Rev T Jones.
6T MARGARETS, Westminster, SW1: 11 8
Euch, Messe Solenelle (Vierne), Audivi vocem
(Tallis), Carpin A Harvey.
8T MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45
Euch, Rev C Herbert: 11.30 Visitors, Rev A
Hutst-2.45 Chinese, Rev G Lee 5.30 Blessing of
the Crib in Traisingar Squares 6.30 Eyeming. De Crio in Transpar Square, 3.90 Evening. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Reasongton WE. 8. 12.30 HC. 9.30 Parish Buch: 11.15 Choral M. Fr Gelli. 6.30 B. Fr M Fuller. ST MARU'S, Bourne Street, SWI: 9, 10. 7 LM: 11 HM. Mass for four voices (Byrd), Fr R Perguson; 6 Solenn R. & B Benediction. o-solemn K.e B Senediction.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI: 8
HC: 11 Choral Euch, Missa brevis [Palestrina],
Adam kay ybounden [Ordi, Rev T Clark
ST PABLES, Wilton Place, SWI: 8, 9 HC: 11
Solemn Euch, Missa brevis [Leighton],
Expectans Expectavi (Wood), O thou the Central
Ord (Wood), Rev H Rushimsyer. one (wood, nev H Rushmayer, ST PETER'S, Eann Souare, SWI: 8.15 HC; 10 Furnly Ruch: 11 3 Euch, Missa Salve Intenerate Virgo (Tallis, Fr W Keyes, CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC, Rev Owen; 11 M & Sermon, Jublate (St. Peters ad Vincula), Vigliauz (Byrd), Rev Owen. CHAPEL ROYAL, Rampton Court Palace. 8-30 HC. (1642): 11 M & Litary. Dyson in F. Libary (falls), 3-30 B. Second Service. (Tomkins). Lactentur coell (Byrd).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Audity Street. WI: 8.15 HC. 11 S Buch. Missa Simile est regnum toelorum (victoria), Audity vocem de coelo (Paverner), Rev P. Ketile.

QUIENTS CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M., TE Deum (Harris in Ab), 21on bears her watchmen (Bach), The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.

SHE TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street: 8.30 HC.

SHO HC. H.1.5 MP. Benedicine orunia opera disease. The Court of the Chaplain (Chaplain Chapta) and disease in Fl. Vox. disease. (Naylor), The Messer. CUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SWI: 11 M. Adam lay thounden (Ord). Vox dicents (Nayloc), Band of the Scots Guards, Rev I. Bryan; 12 HC. ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Euch (BCP), Shaw, Advent Responsong (Palestrinal, Rev C French.

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Helen Watts, opera singer, 69.

BEATTE - On 1st November 1996, to Micola (née Moon) and Eric, our precious daughter, Ellen Brittany Lake.

BIRTHS

BLAMDY - To Ness and Why on 1st December at 12:06 am at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, a beautiful first child, Tilly Beatrice, 8 pounds. Love and thoughts to Gandya B.

CLARKE - On 5th December, to Annabel (née Devas) and Keith, a son, Benedict Oliver

3rd at the Fortland Hospital, to Rana and Mohammed, a beautiful son, Abbas, Wish him a happy life. Michiest - Bob and Liz (nos MacRae) are delighted to amounce the birth of their daughter Ellith Elizabeth on 26th November 1996.

HADFIELD - On 28th November 1996, to Letitia (née McKinney) and James, a son, Titus Innes Columba.

HARSPAL - On December 2nd, at the Portland Hospital, to Severiey (nee Key) and Gurinder, a beautiful daughter, Amelia Tara -weight 7lbs. SVAN - On 5th December a

the Portland Hospital, to Gillian (née Craig) and Omer, a son, Even craig. LOPRESO - On December 3rd at the Portland Hospital, to Early and Kevin, a daughter, Olivia Paya, A little sister for Benjamin Robert.

PHULWAMI - On November 25th at the Portland Hospital, to Nikita and Frakash, a beautiful daughter, Simman.

SLOMAN - On 4th December 1996, to Kathryn and Robert of Roscarnock, Comwall, a son, Philip Hanry, a brother for Miles and Robert.

SOAMES - To Sereza sad

SOUCHAUD - With great joy. Sue and Vincent announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Grace, Thursday 28th November 1996. Williams - On 9th November to Sally (nde Holland) and Pute, the gift of a beautiful daughter, Sazah Jane, now home with us. Special thanks to Wythepshawe Hospital SCEU.

Wildman - Nell and Ameell, their second daughter Sustainedle jade Victoris, in Mattida Hospital, Hosp Kong 11th November 1996. WYATT - On December 4th at the Portland Hospital, to Advise and Zon, a beautiful son, Heirry Samuel.

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MARRIAGES CREAN-ROSSI - On Saturday October 26th at St Francis of Assist, West Des Moines, Iowa, USA, of Mr Damian Crean, elder son of Doctor and Mrs Dermot Crean of Gosport, Hampshire, to Mise Susan Rossi, daughter of Mr & Mrs I John Bossi of West Des Moines, Jown.

es. Iowa. Des Mo **DEATHS**

AMNETT - Hilds Alice, on December 6th 1996, aged 85 years. Devoted mother of son, Peter and grandson, Kirk Her love and laughter will be greatly missed. Funeral Service 2pm Friday December 13th at St. Mary's Church, Sunbury-on-Thames, followed by cremation at Hanworth Crematorium. Flowers to Lodge Brothers, Ashiord, Middleser.

BAMMEL - Dr Ernst. On December 5th in Germany, aged 73, after a long Biness. CROFTS - Suddenly at home on 5th December 1996, John, aged 78 years. Husband of the late Diams and Eather of Andrew. Enquiries to Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors. Tel: (01403) 254590.

CROWLEY-MILLING Air Marshal Sir Donis. On December 1st, peacefully is hospital, beloved husband of Loma and father of Joy and Gillian. There will be a private service, family only, no flowers, but contributions to the Douglas Bader Foundation, the Douglas Bader Centre. Roekampton Lane, London SW15 5DZ would be appreciated A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

DARLING - Nigel on 30th November in Bromeswell, Suffelk, after a long illness, Much loved son of Aidy Darling and the lete Bram. Darling, Funeral Service at Eyes Chunch on Friday 13th December at 2 pm. No flowers please but denselons if desired to Eyes Church for the Organ Restoration Fund.

ELLIS - Joycelyn Audrey
Downing (née Evens) at
Katherine House Hospice,
Adderbury, on December 4th
1996. Private cremation,
followed by Thanksgiving
Savice on Priday December
13th at 3t Mary's Church,
Shipton-under-Wychwood at
12 non. Pamily Howars only
please, but donations would
be appresisted to Extherine
House Hospice, Adderbury,
Sanbury, Onfordables.

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Singles of the Community of the Community on 4th December perceively at Southampton General Hospital, Much loved wife of Gordon, mother of Ismes, Stone, John, Elli and Catherine, Service in St. Mary's Church, South Stoneham, Weyser Lane, Southampton on Wednesday, 11th December at 1pm Sellowed by private community.

DEATHS

GREFITHE - died on December 4th 1996, to Oxford, Many Elaine, aged 87 years, Emeritus Fellow of St. Anne's College, Oxford. Recaption of the body at R. Gregory's R.C. Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford, on Trassday December 10th, at 6.30 pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday December 10th, at 11:00am, followed by cremation, at 12:30 pm. No flowers, donations to Endcliffe infirmary Trust Funds, may be sent to Bewes. R Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, OXI 4TE

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KIRBY-SMITH - Gerald

Holdsway died peacefully on

4th December 1996 at

Prince George Duke of Kent
Court, Chislehurst Kent,
aged 80 years, beloved

busband of the late Gwmyth

and grantly loved father of
John (deceased), Peter,
bavid, Charles and
grandchildren. Funeral
Service at St John's Church,
Sideup, Kent on Monday

16th December at 11am,
followed by private
cremation. Family flowers
only, but donations may be
sent to the RMEI, 20 Great
Queen's Street, London,

WC28 5BG.

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WGCSTT - David Francia, on
December 6th, died
peacefully at home in
Limpafield Most dearly
loved husband, father and
guandiather. Private family
services. Donations 17
desired to the RSPB, The
Lodge, Sandy, Beds. "We will
rimember you for your love
of Hie, fortinds and humouryou are an example to us
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LOTT - Dr Bernard Maurice
OBE died pescafully after a
long struggle at the
Middless Hospital, Mortiner
Street, London, on Thursday
5th December, aged 74
years, Dearly loved husband
of Helen and father of
Carolyn and David, and
grandfather of Matthew,
Emma, Josephine, Dukes and
Madeleine. The Funeral
Service will be held at
Golders Gosen Crematorium
on Wednesday, December
11th at Span Ramily flowers
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desired, say he sent please
to The National Eddney
Federation, 6 Stanley Street,
Worksop, SS1 THA.

MEADMORE - On December 6th, peacefully in hospital, Valletta, aged 85 years. Beloved wife of Geothers and dearly beloved hother of Charlotte and loving grandmother of Liss and Mint. Funeral Service at Mortlabs Cramatorium on Treater December 10th at

NASSAUER - On 5th Dec 1996, suddenly, at 1 NASAUESI On Sch December 1996, suddenly, at home, after breakfast, Rwdi Nessues, aged 72. Author, wine shipper, quanty leved father, grandfather and friend. Cremetion at 12.30pm on Honday December 9th at West Chapel, Hoop Lane, Golders Green.

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MORA - Jorge Arturo, on November 22nd died in London after a short filness. Born in Colombia late of

East Horsley, Former program organises for the BBC Latin American Service BBC Latin American Service, Bush Bouse. Beloved Insband of Bil Mora. Service at 3:15pm Thursday 12th December, Putney Vala Cumatorium. All enquiries to Frederick W. Faine, 6 Coombe Lame, Baynes Park, SW20 SUD. Telephone 0181 946 1974

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MELSON - Air Commodore High Douglas McKinlay CB DK, of Wellingore, Lincoln, on 5th December, aged 84. Beloved husband of the late Yvonne (née Taylor) and father of Heliey and Erica. Private funeral and cremation. Memorial Service to be held at St. Michael and All Angels, Boyal Air Force College, Commell, on Thursday 9th jammry 1997 at 11am.

January 1997 at 11am.

BEWSONE - (née Ford)

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OBITUARIES

DENIS JENKINSON



Denis Jenkinson (centre) and Stirling Moss celebrate their victory in the 1955 Mille Miglia

Denis Jenkinson, motor racing authority, sportsman and journalist, died on November 29 aged 75. He was born on December 12, 1920.

or half a century Denis Jenkinson was an active and highly respected figure in the world of motor sport. Once aptly described as "an all-time, one-off, practical eccentric", he could count among his legion of friends in the international arena such leading fig-ures as Juan Fangio, Jack Brabham, Jim Clark, Graham Hill and Stirling Moss.

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It was as Moss's riding navigator that he himself entered the sporting history books, when together they won the now legendary Mille Miglia of 1955. Thanks to the superb driving of Moss and the meticulously accurate, pre-planned navigation instructions of the "lion-hearted" Jenkipson, their Mercedes-Benz SLR300 furned in a record average speed of 97.5 mph for the arduous 1,000 mile course.

"Jenks", as he was almost universally known, had already established his two-wheel and three-wheel credentials

as a successful racing motorcyclist and as the active passenger when, in 1949, he and his rider, Eric Oliver, won the Motorcycle Sidecar World Champion-ship. By that time he was also contributing regular and evocative articles to the pages of Motor Sport.

Born at Honor Oak Park near Lewisham in south London, the son of a senior employee of Thomas Cook and Sons. Denis Sargent Jenkinson received a sound basic training in engineering at the London Regent Street Polytechnic. While there he acquired also an acute, specialist knowledge of all forms of motoring, and began to make wider use of the skill he had always shown as an inveterate diarist.

But by then he had already, at the age of 18, won his spurs as a volunteer mechanic with the two-litre Alta of the Brooklands racing driver (and later fighter-pilot), Robert Cowell.

When war came, Jenkinson - just 5ft 22 in tall - joined the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and quickly found himself working as an engine systems development engineer in the aero-engine experimental department. There he worked close to

William Boddy, the future editor of Motor Sport, and they formed a lifelong friendship which was to become part of Jenkinson's working life. With peace, Jenkinson entered seri-

ous motoring journalism, in which he soon showed that he was an acute judge of technical as well as aesthetic merit and that he could submit concise, accurate and often enthralling accounts of events - while taking every opportunity to compete himself.

His work with Bill Boddy ("WB") helped to build Motor Sport into the leading journal in its sphere, and contributions were soon in demand from Jenkinson from motor magazines everywhere. Meanwhile, away from the motoring scene, he was living alone in a "more than somewhat" basic cottage in Hampshire. It was without running water and lit only by 12-volt car bulbs from a generator and batteries charged by a Fiat 500 engine mounted on bricks outside.

A small, cheerful, bearded Puck-like figure of high integrity, he was, however, no recluse. He was never short of girlfriends, though his eccentric, nomadic lifestyle saw to it that he remained unmarried

Each year in the grand prix season Jenkinson would cover the successive events around Europe, living in hotels and driving to his scenes in the latest sports cars, which served a double purpose as both means of transport and the subjects of careful assessment for an eager press. In all of this the breadth of his enthusiasms never waned - whether for Brooklands, Millbrook, Goodwood, Le Mans, Monza, Concorde or the Harrier.

Those pleasures extended to the purchase of the historic, ex-Ferrari 4.4 litre, straight-eight Duesenberg car which, driven by Whitney Straight in the 1930s, had lapped Brooklands at 138mph. Jenks found it lying abardoned with its engine removed. He promptly acquired the dilapidated car for E75, traced the engine elsewhere, largely restored them himself and returned them to Brooklands for safekeeping and display in the Brooklands Museum Club House. He generously left them to the Brooklands Trust in his will.

After a stroke in January of this year. Jenks lived out his last months at the British Motor Industry (BEN) Nursing Home at Sunninghill.

PHILIPPA SAVERY

Philippa Savery campaigner for the conservation of Bath. died on November 27 aged 93. She was born on January 31, 1903.

PHILIPPA SAVERY was a diminutive but doughty frontline fighter in the battle for Bath in the 1960s and early 1970s. In those bonanza years. although masterpieces such as the Royal Crescent and Circus were safe, buildozers cut swaths through row upon row of lesser Georgian gems. Almost single-handedly at

first, Savery took on a city council committed to comprehensive development and which, guided by an industrial psychologist, had hired a chief planner from Hemel Hemp stead who felt that the 20th century should leave its own mark on the Woods' achievement. So 18th-century terraces were swept away for the inevitable shopping mall multistorey car parks and high-rise flats. Why, argued the man from the New Town, should residents of Bath be denied the up-to-date delights of Birmingham?

Savery campaigned against the planners from a Georgian house in the shadow of Bath Abbey, where her cobwebbed devotion to the past, including a preference for candles and oil-lamps, would have made Miss Havisham feel at home. It was also home to hundreds

of pigeons.
She carried her battle-cry to save Bath beyond its boundaries, enlisting Sir John Betjeman among her allies, and by 1972 the destruction of a heritage city became a national issue through Adam Fergusson's articles in The Times, followed by his book The Sack of Bath, with alarming photographic evidence supplied by Snowdon.

Philippa Katherine Savery was born of Somerset parents and brought up in Vienna and Paris, where her father was an actuary. She was a WAAF officer in the Second World War and afterwards set up as an antiques dealer in Bath, where her grandfather had lived in the house once occupied by Beau Nash.

She herself followed in the



eccentrics. Like a Mrs Tiggy-Winkle in tweeds and brogues she bustled about the city. briskly bullying supporters, buttonholing councillors and developers, organising petitions and distributing propaganda, often at the wheel of a Bullnose Morris she had bought in 1929.

She eventually acquired the whole of the house where she had rented a room in 1946, and finally gave it to the Landmark Trust. Here she stored artefacts rescued from the demolition gangs, took in paying guests and still dab-bled in antiques until she rebelled against VAT.

Ironically, the cost of cru-sading left little cash for maintaining a Grade II listed building. Undaunted, she kept up Georgian appearances by ingenious DIY. Metal coathangers could be bent to resemble the scalloped glazing-bars of a fanlight; a rubber ball painted black replaced the missing part of a finial on

wrought-iron railings. When not locked in combat with planners, Savery would berate owners whose dogs fouled Abbey Green, pursuing them with paper bags and sometimes a shovel. Or she would crusade against culling the city's pigeon population. pleading for birth-control instead. She devised a feed formula which she claimed had contraceptive properties.

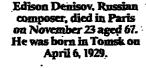
But most of her half-century in Bath was spent trying to stop the erosion of a complete Georgian city. If necessary, she fought conservationists themselves - as when Bath Preservation Trust endorsed the Buchanan plan for a traffic tunnel under the city. This was a bitter battle, but under a fresh chairman, Sir Christopher Chancellor, the trust

managed a painful U-turn. . . Miss Philippa, as she was known — she never married was regarded as affectionately by her foes as by the down-and-outs whom she regularly fed and cared for in Abbey Churchyard, her compassion embraced lame ducks as well

as pigeons. She lived to see the local climate change in favour of preserving what remained of Bath's architectural uniqueness and whole areas at one time destined for destruction were spared for posterity. It was her determination to turn the tide that inspired others to join the fight and bring vic-

tory.
But to Savery the battle for Bath was never over. Six months before she died, in a residential home after suffering several paralysing strokes, she told her niece: "We need a national effort to save Bath. I really should be doing more."

EDISON DENISOV

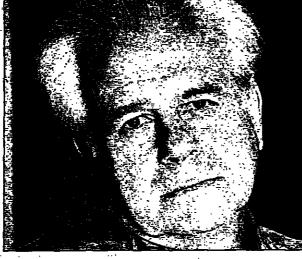


WHEN, towards the end of Khrushchev's reign, Soviet cultural policy became more open, Edison Denisov was one of the young composers to take advantage, and so find himself welcomed to the bosom of the Western European avantgarde. Pierre Boulez conducted his Le soleil des Incas for soprano and ensemble in Brussels in 1966, after which his works began to appear regularly on the programmes of modern music festivals.

In retrospect, though, his triumph as a Modernist looks to have been due to a misapprehension, even if his anagrammatical name — Edison V. Denisov — might have predestined him for a life as a serialist composer.

The 12-note series was always for him a source not of new structural thinking but of melodic motifs that would be repeated over and over again (a mournful descending phrase became almost a personal signature). Even such relatively early works as his orchestral Peinture (1970) express a deep continuity with the Shostakovich tradition of

tragic pathos. What made his music particularly individual was his combination of Shostakovich's brooding, lonely manner with a very sensuous orchestral style - a combination that could evoke comparison with Surrealist painting, and that allowed him (occasionally with the help of his feeling for



iazz) to respond to a vein of unillusioned eroticism in French literature from Baudelaire to the present day.

He was, indeed, a serious Francophile. Many of his works, including his operas L'écume des jours after Boris Vian (1981) and Les quatre jeunes filles after Picasso (1986), were set to French texts, and many more were written for French musicians. Once his Western prestige had brought him the liberty to travel, he divided his time between Paris and Moscow.

Edison Vasiyevich Denisov studied mathematics at Tomsk University, 1946-51, but during that time he was already looking towards a musical career, and sent some compositions to Shostakovich. who encouraged him to study with Vissarion Shebalin at the Moscow Conservatory.

On completing his post-graduate studies there in 1959, he was appointed to the staff, and from 1961 he taught orchestration. His access to Western music and musicians was unique at the conservatory, and his importance as a teacher will become more

evident as more of his pupils gain an international airing.

His reputation, though, can stand on his compositions. He wrote music of all kinds: operas and other scores for the theatre (including several for Yuri Lyubimov's Taganka company), symphonic pieces, choral works, songs and scenas, chamber music and sonatas. Although he published little before his midthirties, he was prolific thereafter: the list of his concertos, for example, includes work for cello (1972), piano (1974), flute (1975), violin (1977), flute and oboe (1979), bassoon and cello (1982), viola (1985). oboe (1986) and saxophone (1993, a reworking of his viola

He also found time to complete the works of others. His version of Debussy's opera Rodrigue et Chimène was staged in Lyons in 1993, and one of his last achievements was to finish Schubert's oranorio Lazarus. Both of these have been recorded, as have many of his original works.

Writing so much, he ran the risk of being repetitious but he made a virtue of that potential fault by conceiving each work as a different voyage around the same objects, among which might be found -together with that downward nhrase - the D major chord and quotations from Schubert. The former, one of whose appearances is as the goal of his Symphony (1988), he saw as signifying light — "both real light (the sun) and the colours of the lux aeterna". As for Schubert, whose Impromptu in A flat provides the subject the finale of the viola/saxophone concerto, Denisov revered him, in terms which recall Tchaikovsky's veneration of Mozart, as "a

symbol of music and of that vhich is eternal in art". Edison Denisov was badly injured in a car accident two years ago near Moscow. He had since undergone a series of operations in Paris, but his health had never recovered. He is survived by his second wife, whom he married in 1987, and their two daughters. and by a son and daughter from an earlier marriage which was dissolved.

Lycette Darsonval, ballerina, died in St-Lö, Normandy, on November 1 aged 84. She was born Alice Perron at Contances on February

12, 1912,

WHEN the BBC recruited dancers for a broadcast of The Sleeping Beauty in January 1952, its most ambitious television ballet until then, Lycette Darsonval was brought from Paris to play the lead. The production, by Christian Simpson, was on a grand scale (as far as studio facilities then

permitted), with special effects

by the silhouette artist Lotte The French ballerina was not an obvious choice: the Paris Opéra then had only a digest version of the ballet, so she had never danced the full role of Aurora. But the historian C. W. Beaumont, who was brought in as an adviser to the production, found her "a charming woman with a quick brain" who readily met all requirements, and she was much praised in the part,

Darsonval's career was an eventful one. Brought to Paris when her parents moved from Normandy, she was persuaded at the age of 12 to study ballet at the Opera by someone who had seen her dancing to a street organ in Montmartre. As soon as she joined the company, her liveliness and brilliant technique singled her out, but she was notoriously undisciplined. Failing to get promotion as quickly as she thought she deserved, she resigned at 18, married and travelled widely in equatorial Africa.



LYCETTE DARSONVAL



But once back in Paris she returned to the ballet studios, perfected her virtuosity, won first prize in an international ballet competition in Warsaw, and was soon performing

again, including tours with an émigré Russian company (where she danced the classic leads) and with the illustrious Serge Lifar. Lifar, then ballet director at the Opéra, persuaded her back there. She had to start again at her old rank of junior soloist, but within months she won for herself, in open competition, the coveted role of Giselle - previously the pre-serve of Russian guest stars Olga Spessivtseva and Marina Semyonova. Thereafter Darsonval en-

joyed two decades as one of the company's stars. Speed and lightness were her special qualities, making her well suited to ballets like Sylvia and Coppelia. But she also had many roles created for her by Lifar (including two of the solos in his finest work. Suite en blanc), by Balanchine (the first movement of Symphony in C) and Albert Aveline Some of these roles, too, were seen on BBC television.

Her official farewell was made at a gala in 1959, after which she received on stage from André Malraux (then Minister of Culture) the Légion d'honneur. For two years previously she had also directed the ballet school of the Opéra, and went on to teach at the Nice Conservatoire.

Darsonval was one of France's most popular ballerinas, not least because, in addition to her duties at the Opéra, she toured regional towns with her own group. She was the first woman to do choreography at the Opéra (La Nuit vénitienne in 1939), and in 1979 she mounted a splendid revival of Sylvia there. She also gave "performance lectures" for the Sorbonne about three centuries of dance, and later developed this theme into a touring programme for her

Weekend anniversaries

TOMORROW

TODAY BIRTHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Naples, 1598; Allan Cunningham, writer, Keir, Dumfriesshire, 1784: Sir Redvers Buller, VC, general, Crediton, Devon, 1839; Sir Joseph Cook, Prime Minister of Australia 1913-14, Silverdale, Staffordshire, 1860; Pietro Mascagni, composer, Leghorn, 1863; Willa Cather, novelist, Winchester, Virginia, 1873; Rudolf Friml, composer, Prague, 1879; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894. DEATHS: Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman orator and statesman, executed, Formia,

Italy, 43 BC; Meindert Hobbe-

ma, landscape painter, Am-sterdam, 1709; Michel Ney,

commander of Napoleon's

Old Guard, shot for high

treason, Paris, 1815; William

Bligh, admiral, Captain of

HMS Bounty, London, 1817; John Flaxman, sculptor, London, 1826; Edward Irving, founder of the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church, Glasgow, 1834; Vicomte Ferdinand de Lesseps, promoter of the Suez Canal, La Chenaie, Belgium. 1894; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Oslo, 1962, Thornton Wildcr, novelist and dramatist, New Haven, Connecticut, 1975; Robert Graves, poet and novelist, Deya, Majorca, 1985: Roy Orbison, singer, Nash-ville, Tennessee, 1988. The Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, opened, 1732. William Pitt the Younger. aged 24, became the youngest British Prime Minister, 1783.

Pearl Harbor was bombed by

Japanese aircraft; the follow-

ing day Britain, Australia and

America declared war on Ja-

pan, 1941.

BIRTHS: Horace, Quintus Horatius Flaccus, Roman poet, Venusia, southern Italy. 65 BC; Mary Queen of Scots, reigned 1542-67, Linlithgow. 1542; Queen Christina of Sweden reigned 1644-54, Stockholm, 1626; Eli Whitney, pioneer of the cotton gin, Westborough, Massachusetts, 1765: Bjornstjerne Bjornson, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1903, Kvikne, Norway, 1832; Aristide Maillol. sculptor, Banyuis-sur-Mer. 1861; Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1862; Jean Sibelius, composer. Hameenlinn, Finland, 1865; Norman Douglas, essayist and novelist, Thuringen, Austria, 1868; Padraic Colum, poet, Longford, Co Longford, 1881; James Thurber, humorous writer, Columbus, Ohio, 1894; Jim

Morrison, singer and poet, Melbourne, Florida, 1943. DEATHS: Adriaan Willaert, composer, Venice, 1562; John Pym, leader of the opposition to King Charles I, London, 1643; Richard Baxter, Presbyterian writer, London 1691; Thomas de Quincey, writer, Edinburgh, 1859: Herbert Spencer, philosopher, Brighton, 1903; Gertrude Jekvil. gardener and landscape architect, Godalming, Surrey, 1932; Simon Marks, Baron Marks of Broughton, retail trade leader, London, 1964; Golda Meir, Prime Minister of Israel 1969-74, Jerusalem, 1978; John Lennon, singer and songwriter, shot, Manhattan, 1980. Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary to be an Article of Faith, 1854.

IRISH FREE STATE. PEACE TERMS IN FULL (By Our Parliamentary Correspondent.)

The Irish Agreement will be submitted to the British Parliament for ratification by both Houses next Wednesday . . . It is the ratification of the Agreement with

which the Government is immediately con-cerned in summoning Parliament. The framing of the Act which must also be passed through Parliament will follow at more leisure. The first essential, after the Sinn Fein Government has accepted the terms of the settlement, is that they should also be accepted by the Parliament of Great Britain. The intention in setting up the Irish Free State is to follow the Parliamentary procedure adopted in 1900 for carrying the Union. The principal difference must be that, whereas in 1800 the primary Act was passed in the Irish Parliament, the reverse order must now be followed and the Act creating the Irish Free State must originate and be passed by the British Parliament, and accepted and worked by the Irish Parliament...

With the ratification of the Agreement in Dublin and in London the withdrawal of British troops from Ireland will begin at once. and it is expected that the withdrawal will have been completed by the time the

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December 7, 1921 **参加加引**止

The first article of the Treaty provided that Ireland should have Dominion status. The Treaty split the nationalists and civil war broke out, during which Michael Collins was killed. The Irish Free State came into existence on December 6, 1922.

forthcoming legislation has been carried. It is evidently the intention that there shall be no British troops remaining in the Irish Free State from the date when the Irish Government takes over the control of Irish affairs. As in the case of the Northern Parliament, the transfer of powers must occupy a little time; but the first powers transferred will be those

There was in Government quarters yesterday a manifest feeling of relief and of relaxation after months of anxiety over Ireland. The negotiations with Mr. de Valera began last July—five months 290—2nd

of law and order.

the keen and detailed negotiations with the Sinn Fein delegation opened on November 11, nearly two months ago. There was a complete lack of optimism in the Cabinet when the last phase of the negotiations began. It is no secret that the Prime Minister, after his encounters with Mr. de Valera, was afraid that he would be dealing with idealists and theorists whom it would be impossible to bring down to the discussion of hard and concrete political facts.

He and his colleagues in the Cabinet made their reckoning without a knowledge of Mr. Michael Collins. The fact is that nobody in this country did know Mr. Collins. Even Dublin Castle was not aware of the manner of man that he is, and it is said that Castle authorities were so little aware of his identity that he could appear openly in public without risk of being recognized as the head of the Irish Republican Army. There was no better knowledge of his character than of his physical appearance. In the negotiations, he has been revealed as the possessor of a keen and incisive mind, with a quick grasp of situations and possibilities and, matched against three of the acutest intellects in the Government—those of the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor, and the Attorney-General—he has held his own and main-tained Ireland's cause...

Major loses Commons majority

■ John Major's fragile Commons majority was wiped out after a maverick Tory MP withdrew his support from the party, accusing ministers of "distorting promises" over hospital care.

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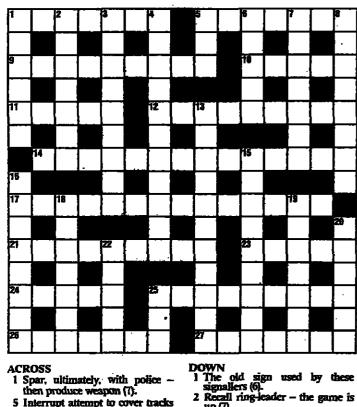
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 21 Baseball player in parts and jumper, perhaps (9).
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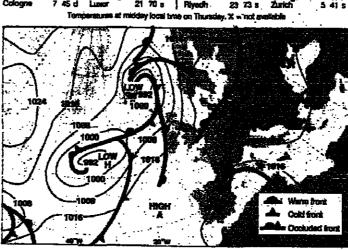
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 1996

Lang orders two airlines to surrender 168 slots a week at Heathrow

Price set for BA link to AA

discussed with the regulator. American Airlines must currender 168 take-off and landing slots a week at Heathrow if they are to proceed with their alliance. The high price for the linkup between the two most

powerful airlines on the North Atlantic was demanded by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, who threatened to refer the alliance to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission if the airlines fail to agree to the conditions. Last night BA indicated it was ready to accept.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, said details of the proposals had already been

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The permanent, unconditional divestiture of slots is unprecedented and if done it must be on the basis of fair market value," he said. "We have always accepted that carriers would need adequate access to Heathrow. BA has indicated that it is prepared to ... assist the introduction of

additional competition." But rival airlines argued that the demands do not go far enough and will continue to press for a full referral to the MMC. Richard Branson, head of Virgin, said: "The cosy monopoly that BA and American want to create will eventually end up being referred to

the MMC. It always was fundamentally anti-competitive and we are delighted that Mr Lang agrees."
United Airlines said that it was no more than "a step in the right direction" and fell

petition at Heathrow.

After studying the planned alliance - regarded by some as a near merger that would create a monopoly on many key transatlantic routes — the Office of Fair Trading advised Mr Lang that the link should be referred to the MMC. But, instead, Mr Lang has asked the Director-General of Fair Trading to explore whether his concerns could be reme-

short of achieving proper com-

died by undertakings as an alternative to reference". Mr Lang said that if the planned alliance went ahead unchecked it could lead to a

loss of competition "particularly for time-sensitive, mainly business passengers on those routes where BA and AA currently compete, and for all passengers between the United Kingdom and the United States in general". He insisted that before any

approval could be given to such a deal the two carriers would have to give up 168 takeoff and landing slots a week, with 70 released for the 1997 Winter season plus a further 28 for the following summer.

A year later a further 28 slots would be "leased" to competing airlines on a temporary basis and revert back once they had acquired slots

A number of other conditions were also laid down, including allowing "third-party" access to the two airlines' requent flyer programmes.

for themselves.

The 168 slots a week demand actually means that only 12 services a day would be affected. One pair of slots per day would have to be handed to competitors on the London to Dallas route, and another pair on the London to Boston

Under the proposed alliance

the two would arrange their take-off times to fit in with each other to create a regular service across the Atlantic and share both the costs and the profits. They argue that this would create greater choice for passengers throughout Europe and keep both Heathrow and Britain at the forefront of world aviation. But bilateral talks on the air service agreement between Britain and America broke up yesterday

without agreement. Even if the two airlines agree to abide by Mr Lang's conditions, they must still satisfy the US Department of Justice and the European

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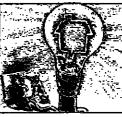


Anne Ashworth on money in the school curriculum

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SAVINGS

Brighter still? The prospects for prices in 1997



Greenspan triggers worldwide plunge on stock markets

By Our Business and Foreign Staff

span, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, issued a warning about the dangers of irrational exuberance" in pushing share prices ever higher.

His remarks in Washington on Thursday night triggered panic selling in Tokyo, Hong Kong, then London and continental European markets before moving on to Wall Street. In London the FT-SE 100

index of leading shares fell almost 170 points at one stage. In New York the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 143 points in the first two hours, but then recovered smartly after figures showing a rise in US unemployment which alyed fears of higher American

At the close, the FT-SE had recovered to a loss of 88.2 points, finishing at 3.963. This was still the biggest one-day fall since October 5, 1992, after sterling had to leave the ERM. In New York, Mr Greenspan's evident discomfort with Wall Street's rise of 25

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per cent this year sparked a day

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WORLD stock markets yester-day plunged after Alan Green-leading markets. Stocks and tion on Wall Street for a while. bonds swung into negative territory and back while the dollar slumped on fears that US markets are heading for a stock market crash similar to that in 1987. Yesterday's fall on Wall Street followed drops of more than 70 points on Tues-

day and Wednesday. "This is edge-of-the-seat stuff," said one US fund manager. You can't stop concentrating for a second with the market like this. It's great if you're making money but

terrible if you're not."
By mid-session, Wall Street

about 60 points, helped by news that US unemployment had risen to 5.4 per cent from 5.2 per cent, proof that the economy is not overheating. in London, George Magnus, chief international economist at UBS, said: This will prove to be a storm in a tea

cup. It is not the beginning of a meltdown. Mr Greenspan just issued a euphoria warning. London turnover of 726 million shares was low, suggesting yesterday's events had been more of a damage limitation exercise than a concerted sell-off. Traders in London

Investors in

MG could

get £300m By ROBERT MILLER

MORE than 90,000 investors

in Morgan Grenfell's trou-

bled European unit trusts

may receive total compensa-

Morgan Grenfell, owned by

Deutsche Bank, promised

compensation when three

European funds suspended trading after alleged irregu-larities came to light. Peter Young manager of two of the

trusts, was sacked for "gross misconduct" and is being

investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

Imro, the fund managers' watchdog, is looking at the

use of investors' money to buy

shares in illiquid unquoted

stocks in breach of City rules.

An Imro letter, which inves-

tors have sent to The Times.

states: "It is clear that pay-

ment is due to those investors

who suffered as a result of

these investments ... We are

currently finalising with Mor-

gan Grenfell the correct meth-

od of calculating the amounts

due to individual investors

and hope to announce the

method before Christmas."

tion of up to £300 million.

Bob Semple, NatWest Mardoes show us that the markets are very nervous and after a good, long bull run, people are begining to look for a correc-tion. On the evidence to date, it

could come from Wali Street." Wall Street analysts said the Fed chairman had been deliberately talking the stock mar-ket down from levels which he

considered dangerously high. "People are primed to sell and they were just looking a reason," said Michael Metz, equity strategist at Oppenhei-mer. "This time it could be a significant setback.

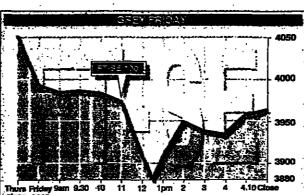
Yesterday's wild swings in share prices showed the uncertainty of investors over whether the market's strength can be maintained. Mr Green-span said the Fed had to factor the activity on stock markets into its decisions on interest rates. Its policymaking committee is expected to leave interest rates unchanged

when it meets on December 17. In Germany shares fell 4 per cent from a record on Thursday, but traders ap-

peared relatively relaxed. In France, an already fragile stock exchange was sent into tallspin. The CAC-40 index fell 4 per cent at the start of trading but recovered a little to close 3 per cent down.



Screens turned red as traders offloaded stocks and bonds



Sony aims

to create

1,000 jobs

SONY yesterday announced a

£50 million expansion programme that will create 1,000

jobs over the next two years at

its South Wales plants in

The Japanese company will

introduce a new production

line that will make cathode

ray tubes for 28in and 32in

Sony employs 4,000 people in South Wales. This latest

investment is the company's

eighth expansion since setting up in Wales in 1973.

Over the 23 years, Sony has

invested £300 million in the principality. That is part of the £2.5 billion spent in Wales

over the past ten years by

inward investors who have

Sony's Weish plants are the

company's largest facilities in

Europe. They produce 1.6 mil-

lion colour televisions a year,

24 million cathode ray tubes

and 800,000 display monitors.

Eighty-five per cent of this

output is exported. Forty small

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wide screen televisions.

Northern rejects raised US bid

By MARTIN WALLER

CALENERGY, the American energy concern bidding for Northern Electric, has offered an olive branch in the shape of a 20p-a-share increase in the value of its bid, to meet an immediate stern rejection

from its quarry.

The final cash offer for Northern, the electricity distributor covering northeast England, came in at 650p a share, or 105p cash for each preference share, valuing the company at £782 million, with CalEnergy arguing that the alternative was a collapse in Northern's share price. However, the new terms had little impact in yesterday's tumbling stock market, Northern shares

rising by just 12 p, to 6022 p. Analysts are convinced that the CalEnergy offer will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission later this month by Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading. The higher offer was put together before yesterday's

stock market plunge. Some

analysts had been looking for an increased offer of about 670p a share. David Sokol, chairman of CE Electric, the CalEnergy vehicle launching the bid, admitted that the worth of the new bid had been held down by the 6 per cent fall in the value of the dollar since the first offer was made. at the end of October. However, he added: "Mv

guess is that it's a bit more than the market was expecting, but a bit less than Northern was hoping for. What we have tried to do is to end the speculation as to what's going to happen." The new offer closes on December 20.

David Morris, the Northern chairman, said the latest terms represented an inadequate premium for control over the price at which his company should be valued on the market. He said that CalEnergy had "ignored the new information provided, and it is still looking to buy Northern Electric on the cheap".

Prospective £1.5m payoff 'a pittance' By Fraser Nelson

ANDREW COOK, chief executive of William Cook, the engineering firm, stands to receive £1.5 million in compensation if his company falls to the ESS million hostile bid from Triplex Lloyd, its rival. Mr Cook described the prospective payoff as "a pittance". He said that he had no moral qualms about his five-year contract, and did not regard £1.5 million as sufficient com-

the company that his family founded in 1902. "It's a pretty small price to pay for losing your life's work," Mr Cook said. "I don't think its excessive at all."

pensation for losing control of

In a defence document issued yesterday, William Cook described the Triplex Lloyd bid as "ludicrously cheap", and ignored its investment

Triplex's offer of 309p a share is 28 per cent above William Cook's pre-bid mar-

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GEC takes £160m charge for restructuring

By Oliver August

solution to the change of

ownership structure at

Framatom, the French nuclear

engineering business in which

it has a 50 per cent stake via a

French subsidiary. The

French Government is op-

posed to GEC holding such a

stake. David Newlands, the

finance director, said GEC

would insist on having as

much management influence

as possible if its stake was to

holds the title of chairman

emeritus, recently said:

"Framatom is an important

operation because nuclear

power will become an alterna-

tive again. There are going to

be new nuclear construction

programmes even though

there are none at the moment.

GEC Alsthom will have a

good card to play with

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Framatom.

Lord Weinstock, who now

shrink to 49 per cent.

GEC, the industrial group, is to spend £160 million on a restructuring programme in the first substantial move by George Simpson, the new chief executive.

Interim results, already depressed by the restructuring charge, were also affected by the soaring pound, which is hurting GEC's export poten-tial. Pre-tax profits fell from £402 million to £261 million in the six months to September 30 and earnings per share were 5.5p, down from 9.1p.

The interim dividend was raised from 3.1p to 3.26p and will be paid on March 27. Of the £160 million to be

spent on restructuring, £45 million will go on imposing up to 1,000 job losses at AG Power Transmission and Hazeltine Corporation, two recent US acquisitions. Improvements at existing divisions will account for £65 million.

A further £50 million is to be

spent on adjusting the book values of two unnamed businesses, which GEC hopes to sell by Christmas. Lord Prior, the chairman.

said the group was carrying out a fundamental review of all aspects of its activities and management structure in the wake of the appointment of Mr Simpson, who replaced Lord Weinstock, GEC's driving force for many years.

Lord Prior said: The recent

strengthening of sterling is adding to the difficulties of exporting from the UK and, if sustained, will reduce the earnings, when expressed in sterling, of our overseas businesses and joint ventures. Nevertheless, the group's record order book, strong cash position and the excellence of its key businesses continue to give the board every confidence in the prospects for

GEC is still looking for a

Modest rise in output at factories

By Janet Bush

BRITISH manufacturing industry continued its modest recovery from this year's stagnation in October, as firms enjoyed the fruits of greater consumer demand.

Manufacturing output grew by 0.5 per cent compared with September, according to the Office for National Statistics. Taking the last three months compared with the previous three, the sector has grown by 0.4 per cent. However, since the same three months a year ago, manufacturing is still only 0.1 per cent higher, a mark of the long months when firms were saddled with huge unwanted stockpiles.

Industrial production, which includes the North Sea and energy sectors, fell marginally by 0.1 per cent in October. In the three months to October, compared with the previous three, industrial production was flat but 0.7 per cent higher than a year ago. Oil extraction as well as production of electricity, gas and water were all lower.

The Treasury commented: The optimism of recent business surveys is now feeding into strengthening manufac-



Philip McDanell, left, Chrysalis managing director, and Chris Wright, chairman, yesterday when the media group declared a £5.36 million pre-tax loss in the year to August 31 (£1 million pre-tax profit previously) and a 2.75p final dividend (same)

Wolves revives beer margins

WOLVERHAMPTON & Dudley Breweries, which serves one of the cheapest pints in the country, revealed sterday that it has been able to push up retail prices to

restore damaged beer mar-gins (Alasdair Murray writes). The company announced a per cent rise in full-year pretax profits, before property disposals, to £43 million.

Turnover increased 8.5 per cent to £250 million, while capital expenditure more than doubled to £66 million.

The retail division, which includes 656 pubs, increased operating profits 16 per cent to E35 million, achieving a 0.4 per cent rise in volumes. Food sales rose 17.3 per cent. Profits in the tenanted division rose 9.5 per cent to £9.1 million. A

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David Miller, chairman. said Wolves would see the benefits of its investment programme coming through in the new financial year and that rising consumer expenditure is helping to boost vol-

City costs inquiry averted

By JASON NISSE

AN INQUIRY into how the City raises money for companies has been temporarily

John Bridgeman, Director General of Fair Trading, has given the market up to four months' grace to continue cutting the cost of underwriting share issues and so avoid a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commisson.

The move is a victory in Schroders, the merchan bank, which put out to tende the underwriting of a £220 million rights issue for Staki the hotel group, and saved about £800,000. A handful of other issues, mainly by Schroders and Kleinwort Ben-

son, have followed suit.

Mr Bridgeman said these developments represented the first tentative steps to reform He added: "In the absence of any progress. I would not have hesitated in referring this market to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission."

The OFT believes companies are being overcharged by more than 50 per cent for underwriting share issues. In the Stakis case and subsequent issues, the cost was reduced by about 11 per cent.

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Another two rail franchises awarded

THE latest rail operating franchises were awarded yesterday, with Prism Rail taking West Anglia Great Northern Railway and a new company, GB Railways, gaining the Anglia Railways routes. Prism, a consortium of bus company directors, has already been awarded LTS (London, Tilbury and Southend) Rail, Cardiff Railway and South Wales and West.

Prism is to spend £14 million on improving station facilities, information systems and refurbishing rolling stock. The GB Railways franchise will run for just over seven years. The company will receive a £35.9 million subsidy in the first year, declining to £6.3 million in 2003-04. GB Railways plans include E2 million to be spent on stations, improved service frequency and punctuality, and a new rail air coach link between Colchester, Essex, and Stansted airport. Prism's 1997-98 grant is £52.9 million. That will drop to £24.8 million by 2003-04.

Anderson sentenced

DONALD ANDERSON, the former finance director of Goldcrest, the Brent Walker film-making subsidiary. was yesterday sentenced to two years in prison. Anderson was convicted at Southwark Crown Court on Thursday of attempting to pervert the course of justice in a £19 million cover-up. Anderson, who surrendered to the Serious Fraud Office in 1995 having fled abroad in 1992, was also banned from being a company director

Whitchurch rights issue

RICHARD THOMPSON, deputy chairman of Caspian Group, owner of Leeds United Football Club, has taken control of Whitchurch, the troubled beefburger maker into which he injected his meat interests last year. Mr Thompson's businesses are backing a £3.25 million fundraising move by the company, whose shares have fallen from 68p when the deal was done to close at 26p yesterday. The two-for-three rights issue, priced at 25p, is being underwritten by Mr Thompson and his associates.

Switch in share deals

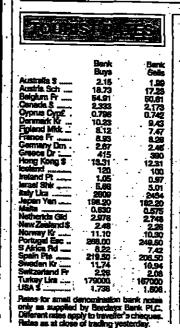
THE London Stock Exchange yesterday announced that the long-awaited move to order-driven electronic trading in FT-SE 100 shares will be completed on October 27 next year. Gavin Casey, chief executive of the exchange, said that an intensive period of testing and full-scale dress rehearsals would precede the launch. He said that a move to extend order-driven trading to other shares will be considered after next October, depending on market demand.

Examiner for Cityjet

CITYJET, the Irish airline that operates between London City Airport and Dublin, was yesterday given protection from its creditors with the court appointment of an interim examiner. The examiner will attempt to arrange a survival plan for the insolvent airline, which has net liabilities of 28 million. The High Court in Dublin was told the three-year old company has more than a reasonable chance of survival. Cityjet will continue to operate 150 flights a week.

Fuller pulls ahead

FULLER SMITH & TURNER, the brewery company based in London, achieved a 4 per cent increase in first-half profits to £5.2 million, before tax and exceptional items, to £5.2 million, in the six months to September 28. Turnover rose 12 per cent to £49.4 million. The interim dividend, to be paid on January 17, was increased 6 per cent to 3.1p on the A shares and 0.31p for B shares. The A shares yesterday closed 7½ p down at 445p.



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A WORKING WEEK FOR: LUCIANO BENETTON

Clothing king who courts controversy

The courteous head of Benetton will go to great lengths to promote the business, even posing nude. Sarah Cunningham reports

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WITH HIS curty white hair, John Lennon-style wire speciacles and cosy woolly jumper, Luciano Benetton looks more like a genial professor than the showy, maverick busi-

nessman of repute. His quiet voice and courteous manner also belie his public image and make it hard to imagine him agreeing to be photographed wearing nothing but his specs and a big smile. But he did pose in the nude for an advertisement three years ago, and he did it for the same reason that he does most things — to promote the Benetton brand and so sell more jumpers. After all, Benetton, 61, has been selling.

After all, Benetton, 61, has been selling clothes since he was 14. From working as a teenager behind the counter of someone else's shop, he now heads one of the world's leading clothing groups, and has built up an immense personal fortune along the way.

The Benetton group was born, naturally, with a pullover, made for him in the late Fifties by his sister. Giuliana: "She made me a jumper in an untraditional and rather eccentric colour, a yellow," he recalls. "Friends kept on asking me where I had bought the pullover. After three had

asked, it occurred to me that this was a market." Spotting opportunities in the clothing market is what he loves doing.

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Although he is president of the whole group, he spends his time looking after the clothing business and leaves his younger brother, Gilberto, who is vice-president, to run the

president, to run the finances and the non-clothing businesses, such as motorway service stations and ski-equipment manufacturing. Another brother, Carlo, is production director, while Giuliana is design director. A number of their children also work in the company, based near Treviso, and even his mother, Rosa, still lives near by and

cooks dinner for him once a week.

In spite of the obvious pitfalls for a family working so closely together for so long, he says that it always works well.

"As a family we have always been able to work together because we have certain predispositions, we all have different

Early hardships must also have helped to unify the family. Their father, who ran a car-hire business, died when Luciano was 10. The Second World War had just ended and Italy's economy was shattered. As the eldest child, Luciano had to leave school to help to keep food on the table. He remembers those years as "intense"—when he was not working he spent his time rowing or playing basketball.

That intensity is something that even now, nearly half a century on, he does not want to give up. He says he has no thoughts of retirement because he does not want to stop his constant travelling, which keeps him out of Italy at least half the year. "I'm nor thinking of quitting," he says, adding with typical ambiguity, "but that doesn't mean that there won't be more space for others to work."

A week when he is not travelling overseas will be split between days in the beautiful 17th-century villa where the group has its headquarters, and trips to Rome, Milan and other places in Italy. When overseas he has long days visiting the shops operating under a Benetton licence, talking to potential new partners, and sightseeing. The stress of travelling suffered by the average businessman is eased, he acknowledges, by making use of one of the group's three private jets. His latest trip included Japan, Vietnam. Cambodia and Burma. The company has shops in the first and the visit to the others was to look for new opportunities.

In spite of the politically correct stance of some of the company's advertisements — especially the United Colors of Benetton series showing rows of smiling, youthful, multiracial faces — he does not let politics influence decisions on where to open stores. Except in the most exceptional circumstances — he cites South Africa — politics are ignored when it comes to making investment decisions.

In the case of Burma, calls by Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy activist, for an economic boycon of the military-run

country do not bother him. He says: "It would be impossible. Our relationship is with a local businessman who wants to do business with us and import our products. It is independent of everything else." In other words, if there is a market for the clothes, Benetton wants to be there. He says it was the

same reasoning that led Benetton to open in Sarajevo at the height of the fighting and he claims he would have been equally happy to open in Belgrade, but a trade embargo made it out of the question.

When he visits a new country, his concerns are purely practical. "I want to see what the social life is, see whether there is a possible clientele. I'm usually very pessimistic. I prefer to wait an extra year rather than believe a very favourable but unrealistic forecast."

If a new shop does not then work, it is usually because the choice of products has been wrong for the local market, he reckons. He may say he is pessimistic, but he is certainly confident of the power of the Benetton name. "If the country's economy is going well and there are young people, there is a market for our hrand," he says.

"If you are going to a country for the first time, you have to have a well known brand, something that young people, even if they have not travelled, recognise. We have always sought to publicise the brand. The clothes themselves can be promoted through the 7,000-odd shop windows." Because of his efforts — and those of Oliviero Toscani, the Benetton photographer and publicity guru — the Benetton name is recognised around the



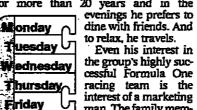
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world and, he reckons, is in the same league as Coca-Cola. What is different about Benetton brand building has been the courting of controversy. The protests triggered by the posters of new-born babies, bloodstained army fatigues, Aids victims and the rest created the sort of coverage that advertisements alone could never muster. When asked about the campaigns, he smiles. He knows the trick has worked once again.

The advertisement in which he appeared nude had the slogan "I want my clothes back" and spearheaded a used-clothing drive. But even that was controversial as he was a senator at the time and was rebuked for bringing Parliament into disrepute. His career in the Senate, from 1992 to 1994, was his only real forzy outside the world of clothing and not one he remembers fondly. He went into politics in the wake of the first wave of big corruption cases, known as tangentopoli. "I had the idea that it could be better to have people going into politics who did not need to do it for financial gain. It was just an idea and I now think that politicians need to work at it full-time."

He says that he simply did not have the time to undertake politics properly, "It wasn't the business that suffered, I suffered," he says. Like many successful businessmen, he is easily bored by

matters outside his own business, which he finds endlessly fascinating. His private life, he says, is quiet. He has been separated from his wife, Maria-Teresa, for more than 20 years and in the



racing team is the interest of a marketing man. The family member who loves the sport and presumed successor, who also works with a unrecapital outlit, 2l Invest-

is his son and presumed successor, Alessandro, who also works with a Benetton venture capital outfit, 2l Investment. But for Luciano, "Formula One is a sport which is seen by hundreds of millions of people and so it is very good

advertising. To do well in a hightechnology sport is good for a company like ours," he says.

Unlike many of his peers in the Italian business world — including Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon who entered politics with more spectacular results — he has not been touched by tangentopoli. He says the simple reason for this is that the group never tendered for public works contracts, the source of many a tangente [bribe]. He has, however, been called to stand trial in March on charges that he was party to the fraudulent bankruptcy of the Fiorucci clothing company. He says he is innocent and that Benetton played no part in the business for the year and a helf before it usert havet.

half before it went bust.

Although he has no intention of becoming a politician again, he remains fascinated and infuriated by Italy's poli-

tics. "Here in Italy we have ISO,000 laws. In England there are maybe 6,000-7,000. For the past 40 years, whenever a group of people have wanted something from the politician they have been satisfied with a law in return for their votes. It has blocked everything up. I want a wellorganised State with about 5,000 laws. Otherwise it is like having indigestion; eventually you have to stop eating."

There may be high taxes, scandals and tens of thousands too many laws in Italy, but Luciano Benetton appears otherwise to have a rather charmed existence. As the interview wound up, he said he was about to set off for dinner with friends in Piedmont. "It's the truffle season," he explained, as if travelling 200 miles for dinner were normal. Perhaps for a man with three jets and a taste for the finer things in life, it is.

Nature springs a surprise on industrial Teesside

side conjures up visions of smoking chimneys, slag heaps, lime slurry and miles of unrelieved industrial monstrosities belching waste.

In the past ten to 15 years, however, plants, birds and animals have been lured into this corner of North East England and have thrived, thanks to initiatives by industry to improve wildlife conservation in the area.

Of all the industrial giants, ICI has perhaps best demonstrated the ability to create new environmental assets on its land, much of which had been badly scarred by 150 years of industrialisation.

ICI is one of Cleveland's

iCl is one of Cleveland's biggest landowners and the work it has done in the Teesside area over the past 15 years has created orchid colonies, reed beds, wetlands populated by dragonflies, tern breeding grounds,

ICI is a leading exponent of wildlife

conservation, Joanna Pitman finds

woodlands, a seal programme in the Tees estuary and a badger rehabilitation programme. The Teesside projects have led ICI to set up Nature Link, an international wildlife conservation project that covers environmental work on land it owns in a dozen countries.

ICI began its involvement with nature conservation in the late 1970s when it leased Cowpen Marsh, on the banks of the Tees to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Cowpen Marsh is still a nature reserve, although its management has been transferred to a committee comprising ICI, the Industry and Nature Conservation Association (Inca), and English Nature. Much of the ICI land has

been designated as a site of special scientific importance and when ICI sets up new

industrial sites efforts are

made to ensure minimal

disruption to wildlife.

Take the proposed brine entraction wells on Cowpen Marsh. ICI relies on the salt deposits to produce the causic soda and chlorine that go into disinfectants, solvents, detergents and plastics. The deposits are more than 300 metres below the surface and ICI will pump water into the boreholes to liquidise the underlying salt layer. This is then pumped under the River Tees to the company's manufacturing plants.

On the surface, meanwhile, wildlife should continue as normal with large numbers of wildfowl and wading birds — teal, curiew, redshank, lapwing and golden plover — being drawn to the saltmarsh and grazing marsh of Cowpen. ICI will attempt to enhance the conservation area by recreating pools and lagoons and conserving reedbeds. Floating islands have been built to

encourage terms to nest.

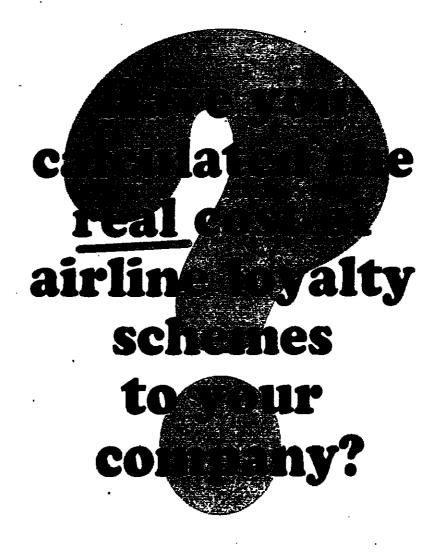
It will minimise ground disturbance by laying pipes on the surface along defined routes and putting in gravel rather than asphalt roads, gravel making even safer nesting sites for ringed plovers than the traditional beach haunts. Engineering work is also timed to prevent disturbance of the breeding season.

Ken Smith is a former ICI senior ecology adviser who now works as an ecology consultant for both ICI and luca, the body that is co-ordinating an estuary management plan for the whole of the Tees. "We are expecting to end up with a site that will be better for wildlife when the drilling is finished than it is now. We have used all the knowledge accured over years to make sure we do not detract from the area's conservation value and that we add to it where possible."

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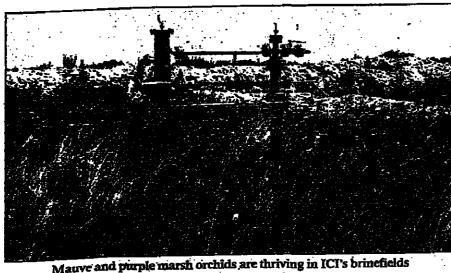
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British Steel, Phillips Petroleum, BASF (all Incamembers) and other firms are also investing in the preservation of wildlife assets so that it will not be long before Teesside will be more naturally associated with abundant wildlife, such as the carpet of more than 60,000 mauve and purple marsh orchids that bloom every summer on ICI's North Tees brinefields.



travelling executives were choosing flights which earned maximum points rather than sticking to airlines offering the most economic flight

The Financial Times 7/10/96 (from MORI survey)





BTR bucks the trend as shares plummet

BTR stood out from the the crowd last night. It was the only constituent of the top 100 companies that make up the FT-SE 100 index to close up on

the day.
It followed an upbeat trading statement that any other day would have had traders reaching for the phone to buy the shares. As it was, the industrial conglomerate's timing could not have been worse. coming out with its most positive trading news in many a month on a day when the rest of the London stock market was being hit for six.

BTR expects the second half to show an improvement over the first six months, but said that a strong pound could hold back profits. It finished 7p dearer at 237 p, not a bad performance when taking into account the double-digit falls being registered by the rest of the FT-SE 100 constituents.

The dramatic losses seen elsewhere in the market stemmed from overnight comments by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, about Wall Street's "irrational exuberance". In other words, the Dow Jones was too high and a correction was overdue.

His words sent a chill down the spines of investors overnight in the Far East where the Nikkei and the Hang Seng both fell sharply. It also set the scene for a sharp markdown in London as investors woke up to the fact that the US economy had problems of its own that might require a rise in interest rates

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index plunged almost 170 points anxiously awaiting Wall Street's reaction to US employment figures. After initial nervousness that saw the Dow Jones industrial average tumble 144 points, share price on both sides of the Atlantic rallied as it transpired those employment numbers were not as bad as had been feared. The index closed 88.2p down at 3,963.0, a fall on the week of 95 points. The relatively low level of turnover that saw 724 indicated that yesterday's volatility was more of a damagelimitation exercise than a

Blue chips were the hardest Barclays Bank, 32p to £10.02. Burmah, 282p to £10.20, Cadbury Schweppes, 212p to 4862p, EMI, 472p to £13.31.



BA hit turbulence over its link-up plans with American

General Accident, 28½p to 7062p. GKN, 44p to £10.38, Schroders, 40p to £15.05, Unilever, 372p to £13.722, and Zeneca, 492p to £15.812.

It was not the best day for Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, to threaten to refer the link-up of British Airways with American Airlines to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless

company. He has set aside E160 million for restructuring, which left pre-tax profits down at E261 million, compared with £402 million last time. The sharp overnight falls in Far Eastern markets left Standard Chartered nursing a loss of 28p at 663p, while setbacks

were also recorded in HSBC.

down 442p at £12.79, and Cable and Wireless, 16p off at Keep an eye on Berisford, the Magnet joinery group, where bid talks with a mystery suitor have broken down. The shares finished lp lower at 1382p in a battered market, with speculators looking for another bidder to emerge. Premark, the US group floated off from Tupperware last year, is tipped.

suitable undertaking were given. As part of the deal BA and AA had to give up 168 take-off slots at Heathrow Airport. This caused BA to run into turbulence, losing 125p at

579½p. GEC fell 2p to 363½p as George Simpson, the new chief executive, began to make his presence felt and the group also chose to underline the problems posed by a strong pound. Mr Simpson is under-

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4372p, all of which have sizeable exposure to the Pacific

Northern Electric, a takeover target, clawed back an early 16p deficit to end the session ולף firmer at 602 קלו after rejecting increased terms from CE Electric, the US power generator. The US power group has raised its offer to 650p a share, valuing Northern at £658 million.

The rest of the electric sector taking a big review of the lost ground with the rest of the

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London, 12p to 64612p, National Power, 5p to 453p, Northern Ireland Electricity, 102 p to 356p, Scottish Power, 7p to 338 2 p.and Yorkshire Electricity, 6p to 757 2 p. Great Universal Stores continued to lose ground, falling

26p to 625 p on the back of some disappointing figures earlier in the week. In spite of last month's £1 billion acquisition of Experian, the US credit-rating agency. It stretches the fall on the week to 58p.

Reed International also

continued to beat a hasty retreat, falling 11p to £10.76% in the wake of the gloomy trading statement from Reed Elsevier, the trading company it owns jointly with Elsevier, the Dutch publishing group.

Jarvis lost an early lead to

end 2p easier at 138p before the announcement of interim figures on Monday. Ten fund managers made a visit to the group's operations yesterday. Hay & Robertson, the

sports and leisurewear group, marked time at 113p in a falling market after signing up Ruud Gullit, player-manager of Chelsea Football Club. He has signed a five-year contract to endorse a new range of branded leisurewear and acessories to be called Ruud. ☐ GILT-EDGED: The comments from Mr Greenspan rocked the market, with losses among longer dated coupons stretching to almost El'2 in places. It refocused attention on the possibility of another rise in domestic interest rates.

The position was made worse by the news that Sir John Gorst, a Tory backbencher, had resigned the whip, wiping out the Government's overall majority. But the market took heart from flat industrial production in October to close above the worst levels of the day.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt ended down E²⁷32 at E108²⁹32 as the number of contracts completed grew to 124,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent

£102116, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks off at E1022532.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks cut about half of their steep losses after a wild morning of trading that saw the Dow Jones industrial average plunge more than 140 points. At midday, the index was down 57.02 points at 6,380.08.

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Greenspan blues

Reserve Board, is worried that rising asset prices could be inflationary and his musings late on Thursday ("Where do we draw the line on what prices matter?") sent the Nikkei index into a nosedive, followed by European markets on Friday morning. His concern is understandable. Wall Street's bull market looks unstoppable and we in Britain ought to understand how inflation in capital assets can feed through to consumer prices - remortgaging of houses is a good example.

However, the concern is not bricks and mortar but financial assets. US house prices are rising, but only by 4-5 per cent. In the UK, they are enjoying a surge but after years of stagnation, it hardly represents grounds for a

GONE are the days when a bullish stock market was deemed to be good news. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal growth is solid, enough to justify an average price earnings multiple of 18 times for 1996 compared to 15 times in London where a spate of profit warnings is holding back prices.

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feed an inflationary spiral? In the US. personal pensions, the new 401K plans, are keeping the pot bubbling but such long-term money should not be a lever for consumer price inflation. And in the UK, the institutions have been keeping cash on deposit, rather than chasing shares.

Greenspan fears a 1980s Japanese-style market bubble but we are a long way from that Ironically the weak Tokyo market suffered worst from his musings — but excess was always a Japanese phenomenon.

GEC

THE PROSPECT of George Simpson at the helm of GEC built up heady expectations in the City, but since his arrival in September, the share price has been running in the other direction. This disappointment can-

not entirely be laid at his door - the man is reported to have been on a grand tour of Lord Weinstock's demesne. Nevertheless hopes are high that the current "strategic review of all aspects of the group" will generate more value for shareholders who tire of seeing their funds held on deposit in GEC bank accounts. Yet confidence is not improved by suggestions that the new strategy will not be unveiled until June.

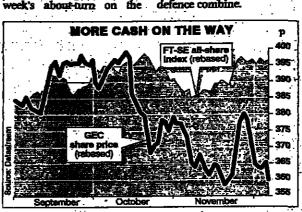
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Alcatel is GEC's partner in GEC-Alsthorn and the British company would like to merge Marconi with Thomson-CSF, the defence eleccompany. This rival bidder. Lagardère could leave the door slightly aiar for GEC.

More certain is the prospect of disposals. Some £1.7 billion of non-core businesses could be on the block. More liquidity increases the pressure to invest but with ample funds GEC is in pole position to lead a European defence combine.



JAPAN is the Holy Grail of the telecommunications industry. Asia's wealthiest market ought to be a magnet to the world's big phone companies. Even the likes of AT&T, BT-MCI and Deutsche Telekom cannot make a claim to global status without a shopfront in Japan. Easier said than done.The

key to unlocking Japan has always been Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, the world's largest phone company by turnover. But the monolith is controlled by the Government and therefore. lacks independence and has little flexibility. Dragging the into the modern world by dismantling NTT has been under discussion since AT&T did the splits in the early 1980s. But nothing has happened and the latest developments are more cosmetic than structural. NTT is to be broken into three bits - two regional companies covering

eastern and western Japan and a long-distance business that will also offer international services. But the restructuring will not happen until 1999 at the earliest and the trio will still be controlled by the Government. The status quo has therefore been

This is a huge disappointment to large American and European carriers. They wanted NTT broken into competing units that might exchange a stake in the Japanese market for a link with an overseas partner. But the industry remains a closed shop. AT&T, BT-MCI will have to find open doors elsewhere in Asia.

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ONE of the few shares to rise on the London market yesterday was Northern Electric, if only because CE Electric, the US bidder, chose to increase its offer and to set a closing deadline of December 20.

At least by then the Ameri-

cans should have heard whether their bid will be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. has until December 16 to decide whether to wave through the financially challenged

The Americans might yet find a falling market serves Northern up to them on a silver platter. They might also find exchange rates working against them. Recent sterling strength is reckoned to have reduced their room for manoeuvre by 10p a share, against the 650p put on the table yesterday and the 700p offered in pre bid talks.

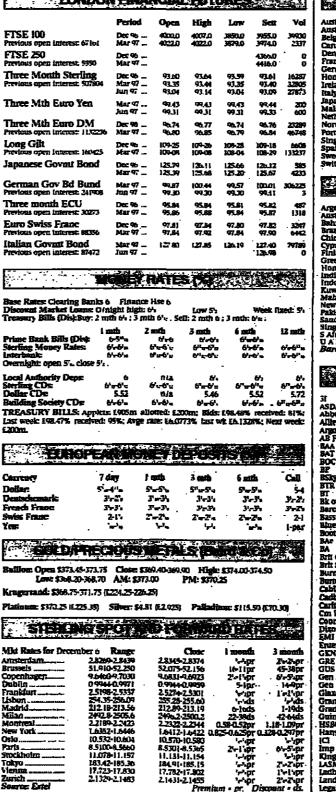
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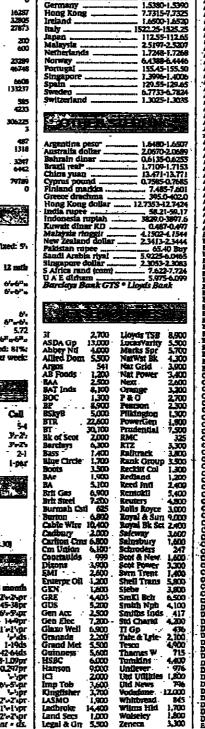
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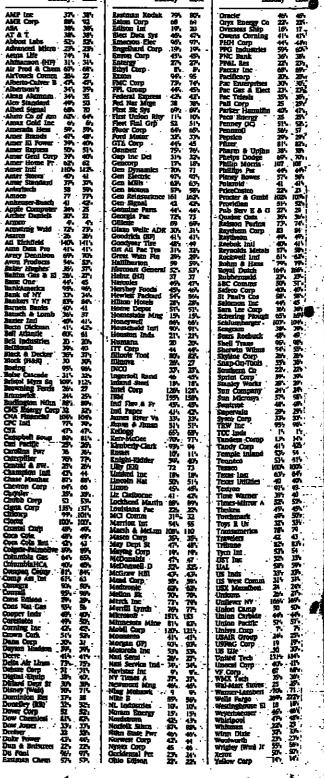
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A timely warning on capital gains



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Are house prices set to blow a fuse in 1997?

xperts now believe that house prices will rise by 7 per cent next year. The statistics are becoming reminiscent of the Eighties property boom, with some predicting that the market will follow the same boom and bust" pattern.

Steve Bell, chief economist at Morgan Grenfell, is one of the pessimists. Mr Bell's past record of property market predictions is good. He can claim to have been the first to forecast the effect of the ending of double mortgage tax relief in August 1988 which fuelled the scramble for homes that year. Soon afterwards, prices climbed by around 34 per cent a year, with one-year rises of 70 per cent in some areas.

Mr Bell believes that the house prices could begin to get out of control next year. It is expected that the current regional variations will continue in the new year, with the South and especially London experiencing the biggest rises and Yorkshire and East Anglia showing virtually no price increases at all.

David Gilchrist, Halifax general manager, said: "House prices in Greater London are suffering from double-digit inflation." House prices rose by 10.1 per cent on average with some parts of the capital showing even larger increases, according to the Land Registry. Prices in Hampstead have risen by 13 per cent this year, in Kingston by 10 per cent, while prices in Pimlico and Blackheath have

risen by 2 per cent.

In the South East as a whole, house price inflation reached about 8 per cent in the third quarter. However, in East Anglia house price inflation reached only 2 per cent.

Mr Gilchrist said: East Anglia is a bit of a puzzle, but it

rose very sharply during the previous house-price boom." Mr Bell believes that these differences arise from economic factors. Prices in southern England are being buoyed by wage increases and rising employment. These improvements have yet to spread to some areas of the North. He said: "The South is further down the economic cycle than the North, unemployment is Caroline

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lower and wage rises have been higher. House prices rises are linked to wage rises." London prices are, in partic-ular, being supported by large City bonuses. Late last month one prospective purchaser found himself gazumped by another buyer willing to pay £90,000 more for a large Chiswick family house. Nationally, certain other types of property are not so sought after and little improvement is

expected next year.

or example, many for-mer council tenants who bought their flats under the right-to-buy legislation have found their homes are virtually unsaleable because societies refuse to lend against certain types of property. Another hindrance to a return to the booming house prices of the late Eighties is the fact that about 800,000 homeowners still have loans that are bigger

than their property's value. Each I per cent rise in house prices lifts 100,000 people out of the negative-equity trap, It would take an 8 per cent rise to clear everyone out entirely, in spite of the Chancellor's confidence at the time of last month's Budget. He said: "I hope that negative equity can soon be consigned to the economic history books. The housing recovery is firmly

This year, prices will have risen by an average 7 per cent, according to the Halifax Building Society, the largest rise for four years, but well

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below the 13 per cent level reached in 1989. Prices rose for the fifth month in succession in November. This one-month

the Halifax were predicting that prices would rise by 5 per fallibility on this issue.

rates instigated by some lendsix weeks ago will not have a strong effect. This is a real recovery." Northern Rock, Coventry and Abbey National all raised their rates last week.

Abbey and Coventry increased their variable rate by 0.25 per cent, while Northern Rock went up 0.5 per cent. The latter increased its rates by double the base-rate rise because it felt that the Government was sure to raise rates after next week's meeting between the Chancellor and Bank of England. Abbey's rate now stands at 7.29 per cent for those with loans of under £60,000, and 7.24 per cent for those with loans of over £60,000. Northern Rock's rate is 7.49 per cent while Coven-

try's rate is 7.25 per cent.

Mortgage brokers believe that those considering taking out a mortgage should look at a five-year capped or fixed-rate loan. They think that while these loans have interest rates above the current rate, they

rise of 0.5 per cent is less than a third of October's unprecedented rise of 1.7 per cent.

At the beginning of this year, both the Nationwide and

cent. Both have now uprated their forecasts to 7 per cent, maintaining their record of Mr Gilchrist believes that the small increase in interest ers after the base-rate change

> they are already doing so. Capped rates are where the interest rates are guaranteed not to go up above a certain amount. John Charcol recommends a five-year capped rate of 7.9 per cent from Coventry and a four-year 7.95 per cent capped rate from the Skipton.

However, the prospect of a general election means demand for houses could start to flatten next spring, according to Kevin Cammack, an analyst with Merrill Lynch. There are still fears that a socialist government will tax the rich and put up interest rates, both of which will affect the affordability of homes.

Rob Thomas, analyst with UBS, says Labour has re-versed its plans to abolish mortgage interest tax relief which, although now worth little in cash terms, is still psychologically important to

Halifax soothes anxious members

The Halifax Building Society. which is planning to become a bank, acted to reassure savers and borrowers yesterday after some qualifying members received letters telling them their balances were too low to merit a payout of free shares (Marianne Curphey writes).

The society, which intends to float on the stock market next June, said members with several accounts might receive more than one letter. despite efforts to "deduplicate" customers' records.

A Halifax Building Society spokesman said: "Some members have a number of accounts in slightly different names and we want to make sure that we contact everybody. We are sending out 13 million letters and some of them will go to the same house. If people who know they qualify have not received a letter by Wednesday, they should contact their local branch or the general freephone

The society is sending out letters to clarify individuals' eligibility for the free shares in the £10 billion conversion. The spokesman said: "We want people to check their details now, while there is time to sort things out. We need to ensure that the information is correct before we start sending out transfer. documents and voting papers for the conversion."

Details of the conversion will arrive at qualifying members' homes next month.

The Halifax Building Society freephone number is 0800 S88S44.

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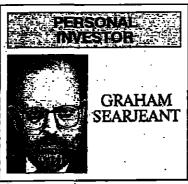
No exuberance over Gas

rrational exuberance is in the eye of the beholder. If the average grey-beard says young folks are overdoing it, that is sour grapes. A week ago, Robin Griffiths, chartist at HSBC James Capel compared Wall Street to Old Man River. "Against all effort, reason and logic, the flow just goes on." It is different when the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, chief lock-keeper on Old Man River, raps market traders over the knuckles.

Alan Greenspan is famously inscrutable, well aware that screenwatchers blink at his every nuance. When he mused publicly late on Thursday that 1987-style crashes need not be such a bad thing, he would not be shocked and hor-rified when markets reacted. Greenspanologists deduced that he wanted to avoid putting interest rates up but was embarrassed by inflation in financial markets and wanted to talk prices down. In an accident of global markets,

foreigners got the message first. They were not inclined to call the great man's bluff. Orders went out for Tippex for heavy corrections. Far East shares fell 3. per cent. The FT-SE 100 index fell 414 per cent before lunch. Tokyo, Hong Kong and London had caught a cold before Wall Street sneezed. As argued here a month ago, speculators have managed to inject instability back into financial markets. Tanned traders will want to

play it for all it is worth. Contagion aside, however, you could hardly accuse London of irrational exuberance. At Thursday's close, the FT-SE index was up 10 per cent in 1996. compared with a 25 per cent rise in New York's Dow Jones average. One crucial



reason is that the index of top British companies contains a large pack of dogs. Two of the mangiest barked this week. Hanson is halfway through a metamorphosis to which it is committed. British Gas will ask 1.7 million investors to sanction one in February.

Recent history should not give shareholders, big or small, any cause to have blind faith in their board. They should tell the directors to rethink when they have a clearer idea of what is going on. On known facts, the metamorphosis would turn British Gas into a slightly smaller, mangier, dog plus a puppy. Behind costly new corporate branding. the main point of the proposed demerger is to slash dividends. This might be in

managers' interest, but not investors'. Centrica, the much-depleted gas supply business buttressed by the Morecambe Bay gas field, does not initially expect to pay dividends. No wonder. Computer chaos will make it hard to know its income even before competition supplying households bites,

remaining 90 per cent of surplus fixedprice gas contracts the company was left with by its regulator's whims. That may mean handing over Morecambe. If this can be tidied up, Centrica would become a national distribution arm for a multiutility, to be fought over by National Power and PowerGen. Until then, the shares are option money.

BG plc, the bigger dog, would combine the TransCo pipeline system, North Sea and foreign assets. When the plan was devised, TransCo looked safe. Ofgas thought otherwise. Unless the Monopolies Commission takes account of the 8 per cent yield on Gas shares and restores most Ofgas cuts. TransCo will become a semi-socialised utility. Shareholders would want to withdraw their equity as fast as possible. Yet the plan for BG plc would dedicate only TransCo's current cost profits to dividends, implying a cut from 14.5p to 6p and falling.

n market terms, it would make no sense to saddle a cash-hungry oil and gas husiness with a high-risk, highyield utility. Investors would understandably value it on its worst aspects, demanding a high yield on a low dividend. If the utility were quoted separately, the high cost of capital forced on it by had regulation would be clear. Investors could also insist on withdrawing cash. Dividends should at least be maintained in real terms, replacing equity with debt as required. This could not be done if TransCo were combined with the low-yield exploration business.

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Anne Ashworth and Nathan Yates say the share giveaways are expected to continue for some time

The Christmas spending spree can put a strain on any wallet. But, like the good fairy in the pantomine, those building societies planning to become banks next year will restore the tattered finances of millions of households. The flotation of the Norwich Union will also work a transformation on millions of bank balances. Furthermore, although many of the remaining societies make much of allegiance to mutual status, the possibility remains that many may yet merge or convert, enriching members in

the process.

The only spectre threatening this £16 billion party is the dispute over the new Building Societies Bill. The Alliance & Leicester, in particular, has abjected to the proposal in the objected to the proposal in the Bill to remove the five-year period of protection now covering any building society. shedding its mutual status.

After discussions with Treasury ministers, the A&L said that it was reviewing its flotation plans. But it now seems that either a compromise will be reached, or, according to a Whitehall source, that no parliamentary time will be found for the Bill before the general election, allowing its controversial measures to be quietly

Qualifying members (savers and borrowers) with the Halifax should each receive an

Halifax shares, with some basic or a variable distribution larger savers getting as much as £8,000. The society is currently writing to members. asking them to confirm their account details to ensure that they receive their full share

Those tempted to deplete their accounts to finance Christmas spending should remember that the months of waiting will be wasted if they allow their balances to fall below the crucial £100 on

December 3L
Members of the Alliance &
Leicester gather next Tuesday
at the London Arena in Docklands to vote on the society's conversion. Sufficient postal votes have already been received to ensure a "yes" vote.

But protests are still likely from the vociferous action group of larger savers who argue that the society should not be giving the same number of shares (250) to each member, but making a variable distribution based on the amount invested. such as the Halifax and Woolwich. Priced at between 385p and 435p, these shares should be worth about £1,000. Like the Halifax, the Woolwich has reminded its members that they must have £100 in their accounts at December 31, 1996, or forfeit their average £1,000

The Northern Rock will

early next year. But a basic distribution is considered to be average payout will be £900. Yet again, members must not let their balances fall below £100 on December 31.

The £100 at December 31

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also applies to members of the Bristol & West, which is being taken over by the Bank of Ireland. Two-year savers those who have had share accounts since December 31 1994 — will get a fixed payout of at least £500 in cash, plus a percentage of their balance up to £10,000, with an average payout of £1,000 per member. Those who have been with the society for two years but did not have £100 in their accounts on April 15 can top up their accounts to get a fixed cash distribution of at least £250. Qualifying savers who do not. have two years' standing with the society plus all borrowers will get £250 worth of Bristol &

West preference shares.
The Norwich Union, at present a mutual company, will also join the stock market next year. Life, pension and annuity customers will benefit, picking up £800 worth of free shares. But health, house and contents and motor policyholders and unit trust investors do not qualify.

Those who have lost out onall these deals can take some comfort. One analyst said: "I

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remaining top 20 societies. "Birmingham Midshires is probably the best candidate

for flotation right now. Na-tionwide is the largest remaining mutual, and although the management says it will stay that way there are several merger. My advice to savera is.

them for full membership, gives them the right to vote and makes them eligible for a payment. The legal qualification requirement is a balance of £100 or more, though some

it has been held. One expert put the following

Birmingham Midshires (£705); Bradford & Bingley. EI,000); Nationwide (£750); (£1,000); Portman (£750); Cov-entry (£800); Skipton (£800); m Leeds & Holbeck (£750); Chel-a sea (£1.300); Derbyshire (£800); West Bromwich (£700);

Helen Pridham looks at the redemption penalties in some fixed-rate mortgages

Home loans that come with a sting in the tail

to oot for fixed-rate mortgages. But there is growing concern that few are bothering to check attractive offers.

Although some lenders have recently modified their policies, many still tie in horrowers not only during the fixedrate period but for some years after The Halifax, for example, last month launched a new range of fixed-rate mortgages with redemption fees that apply only during the fixed-rate period and discounted variable-rate loans with no redemption fees at all. However, these changes do not benefit existing borrowers with extended redemption

Fixed-interest mortgages have become increasingly popular in recent years. Some large lenders report that as much as 60 to 70 per cent of their new lending is now on a fixed-rate basis. Fixed-rate periods range from two years to ten years or more. Phillip Cartwright of London & Country Mortgages said: "Until recently, fixed-rate loans of two to three years have been popular, but the emphasis has now switched more to fiveyear fixes to take people through the term of the next

government." A fixed-rate deal

can have significant advan-

Tears of more rate rises tages. If general mortgage and a change of govern rates rise during the period. ment are leading more you could pay substantially than two thirds of borrowers less than if you had had a standard variable-rate loan.

It also makes budgeting easier because you know exactly what your outgoings will

itive rates available. But many borrowers ages include stiff penalty clauses not want to redeem your mortgage fixed-rate period but

also

several years after. The ed to general interest rates at the time or to the size of your loan; some are tiered according to how long you have had the loan. They not only affect people who want to arrange, say, a new fixed-rate mortgage at the end of the original term but also

apply to those who merely

ment of their loan. Until its recent announce-

ment, the Halifax imposed offering, for example, two-year fixed-rate loans with redemption penalties stretching for a

years after the fixed-rate had

lapsed. Halifax justified these

"lock-in" clauses on the basis

of cost. "The generous deals

we were offering were priced

over the extended period. If

borrowers do not remain with

us for a reasonable period

after the fixed rate ends, we

through the redemption penalties." it said. However, at least one lender

extended redemption penalties has questioned the legality of offering, for example, two-year such extended penalties. At Midland Bank, where penal-

only do I believe extended redemntion penalties are immoral our legal advisers have expview that these lock-in clauses could fall foul of the unfair contracts dirthat

not been tested in court yet but, in a couple: of

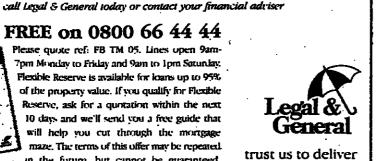
alise what they have been sold, a court case could well result which would be very bad publicity." The Halifax says the change of heart on extended redemption penalties is because it no longer offers such cut-price rates. "We

gage rates at a more sensible level now that the housing market is picking up in order to avoid the overheating which occurred in the late 1980s." The society admits that the new policy will not help exist--portowers with e redemption penalty loans but says that if such borrowers want to switch to other Halifax loans after the end of the fixedrate period then their case would be considered and a "halfway house solution" found regarding payment of the penalty.

though lenders say they will not normally waive redemption peralties, many agree they might be prepared to consider cases on their merits and as a gesture of goodwill" if a borrower took out another loan-There are a small number of lenders without any redemp-

tion penalties on fixed-rate loans at any time. The Portman and NatWest both offer loans with rates fixed until 1998 with no penalties, though NatWest said it is a one-off. The C&C has fixed-rate

deals without penalties, and lower-rate deals with extended penalties, while the Woolwich has loans available with limited and extended penalty clauses. At London & Country Mortgages, Phillip Cartwright said: "Generally, the lower the



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Blowing whistle on loan penalties

Tor mortgage lenders, the impending general election is proving the perfect fixed-rate loan selling opportunity, allowing them to play on fears of rising interest rates and uncertainty. As we report on page 30, two thirds of borrowers at some banks and building societies are now opting for the reassurance of a set monthly payment. However, as with politicians, the promises of lenders

may not stand the closest scrutiny. Some are still charging onerous redemption penalties on their fixed-rate offers (see page 30) for those with the temerity to transfer to a competitor, or repay a chunk of the debt. In some cases, the penalties do not apply only during the fixed-rate period but for some years therefier. This enforced loyalty ensures that the customer pays the full price for his discount. How-ever, the end may be near for such



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ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

extended penalties, as they could well be illegal under the new unfair contracts directive. Something good from Europe, perhaps?

Numbers lesson

AS the debate continued over whether school examinations are getting easier, a campaign began this week for a new GCSE in a subject that few have found a pushover. The Person-

Finance Education Group (PFEG) wants to see money matters added to the curriculum. The organisation's backers argue that pupils may know lots about history, biology and trigonometry but have no idea whether a Pep is an obscure salad vegetable or a bad-

die in a computer game. The result of this ignorance is. they say, a huge burden on the State, almost equivalent to the £38 billion cost of the whole education budget. Since people do not know how to manage their finances, they get into debt, go bankrupt, get repossessed, or fail to provide for old age. The result is that they become dependent on welfare, or a shrinking state pension.

The PFEG's aims are certainly laudable. But if they are put into practice, no special reverence should attach to its backers, the small and cond of the financial great and good of the financial services industry, including NatWest, the Association of British Insurers and the Association of Investment Trust Companies.

Those who manage their money well are sceptical, questioning whether a well-known name guarantees superior quality and dubious about any claim to better than average performance until it is proven. As in other disciplines, personal finance teachers should encourage pupils' critical faculties.

Gavin Lumsden with a timely tax warning for investors

Early to bed next year

nvestors planning to "bed and breakfast" their shares in order to get the most out of their capital gains tax allowance should do so early next year, leading stockbrokers say. They blame the introduction of Crest, the City's new computerised share trading system, which they say creates more paperwork in processing bed and breakfasting deals than the certificatebased Talisman system it is supposed to replace by April.

£6,300 a year tax-free by selling shares before they are hit by the 40 per cent tax on capital gains (last week's Budget increased this to £6,500 for 1997-98 tax year). In bed and breakfasting investors sell some shares one day and buy them back again the next, to ensure the threshold is not breached. In spite of its name, no travelling is involved — the furthest from home you have to go is your broker's office. The shares take a holiday not

Investors can accrue up to

the investor.
The bulk of bed and break-. fasting is done at the end of the tax year in March when investors can calculate how much capital gains they have accrued. For example, investors with £9,000 of gain, will sell stocks in which they show a threshold. However, if investors have gained only £1,000 over the year they may consid-



Shared responsibility: Ronald Reagan and Diana Lynn had no deadlines in Bedtime for Bonzo

more expensive.

er crystallising gains in profitable shares to take them up to

the £6.300 limit. However, you might consider bed and breakfasting earlier if one of your shares does badly, like Racal, the electronics and communications firm which fell 18 per cent last Monday. Buying back a stock when it has dropped like a stone can be a useful way of establishing a loss that can be offset against future gains

Regardless of when bed and breakfasting is done, it in-

Growth of £1,000 over 20 years

transactions: the sale and the ready by April, the deadline repurchase. Brokers have found that this linkage is for any bed and breakfasting easier on Talisman, enabling Bob Howe, administration them to close off the deals from the system, allowing them to

partner at Redmayne & Bent-ley, a Leeds broker, says although brokers can manualavoid exchanging share certificates. Crest, on which 40 per ly manipulate Crest to close off transactions, many have chocent of the business on the Stock Exchange is currently sen not to. Those that have not done, for all its 21st century will require clients with shares technology, cannot do this. As a result, bed and breakfasting on Crest to hand over their certificates, sign transfer forms and wait for new certifideals involving shares on will this add time, which can be in short supply in the last Although Crest may develop volves linking two different the facility later, it will not be days of March, but they may

charge investors two sets of fees for doing so. Mr Howe advises: "Find out

what system your shares will be settled in and ask the broker what his charges are before you commit yourself. If it is a Crest deal you could find better bargain elsewhere.

Although Brewin Dolphin, the big independent broker, is unable to close off bed and breakfasting deals, it waives its fee on the repurchase and deliberately takes a day longer to settle the sale than the repurchase. By settling both deals on the same day the company avoids any money changing hands.

· According to the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers, charges on the first £5,000-£7.000 of business range are about 1.6 per cent.

Iain Saville, chairman of CrestCo, the company which runs Crest, said the difficulty of running bed and breakfasting deals was not a fault of the system. "We are waiting for clarification from the Inland Revenue. Quite properly they want to see buy and sell totally separate," he said. But Justin Urquhart Stewart, business planning director at Barclays Stockbrokers, said: "The issue of bed and breakfasting has If CrestCo are waiting for Revenue approval they'll have

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Diane's dilemma

Sarah Jones on the benefits of transferring or freezing a pension



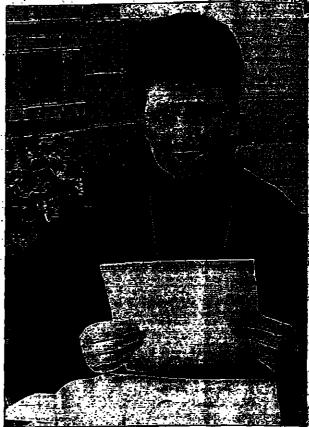
reeze or transfer? With the culture of working for one company for life disappearing, more of us are moving on — through redundancy or choice - to another job and having to make that crucial decision about the company pension. Should you leave it where it is or take it with you to a new pension scheme. The decision is even trickier if your new employer does not offer a pension scheme, so your choice is between your old employer and a personal pension plan.

Diane Carter, of Solihull, writes: "I was made redundant after five years and was in a company pension scheme to which I contributed for over four years. I have now found another job but I am unsure about what to do with my pension. I would prefer to transfer it as I dislike my previous employers after the way I was treated. However, I have been told by a financial adviser at Bradford & Bingley that I cannot use my company pension to start up a personal pension plan and I can only transfer it to a new company pension. But my new employer does not run a scheme."

Weekend Money replies: The letter from the Bradford & Bingley adviser could have been better worded. When he wrote to tell you that your pension transfer could not be used towards a personal pen sion plan, he meant that it was not permitted under B&B guidelines. You can indeed use it for a personal pension plan - or towards a new employ er's scheme, a section 32 policy (a personal plan that purely houses the transfer value) or leave it where it is. However the society has found that in most cases it is not worth transferring pensions worth less than E5,000 and therefore. since your transfer value is below that, the society cannot

carry out a full analysis. Your choice is between leaving your contributions in your old employer's scheme or taking a transfer value of £3.542 and starting a personal pension plan. Since the company pension is a final-salary scheme, you are choosing between certainty and speculation. With the final-salary scheme you are guaranteed a certain amount of pension. With a personal pension you speculate on doing better than the company scheme.

A pension left in a company scheme is not truly frozen. For a start it is protected from inflation. Your pension will rise yearly at the rate of inflation or between 3 per cent and 5 per cent whichever is the lower. Peter Timberlake, Legal & General pensions expert, said: "Many people act on an emotional basis. They think You made me redundant, so I m going to take my pension



Diane Carter had only four years' pension contributions

away. Instead they should think You made me redundant so I'm going to make you pay me as much pension as possible'. Company schemes often come with discretionary benefits not included in the transfer value, and you must find out what they are."

You should also consider your own future and that of both your old and new companies. Is your new job temporary or long term; how long have you got to retirement, is there any chance that your new employer will start a com-pany scheme; and how secure is your old firm?

If you had worked for a large, blue chip company it would make sense to freeze your pension. But there is a possibility that the company you worked for could close or be taken over, especially as you have another 30 years before retirement age. You would keep your pension rights but will have to work hard at keeping in touch. The Pensions Tracing Agency in Newcastle helps pensioners who have lost contact with a previous

employer's pension scheme. The deciding factor will bethe final reckoning is the transfer value of your pension sufficient to buy in a personal pension plan at least those benefits that you would get in the company scheme? To work that out, you do need independent financial advice. After the mis-selling scandals, there are now tighter procedures for pension forecasts and the figures should show you whether it is worth transferring. If you can afford £60-£100 an hour. you can use the Society of Pension Consultants - Ludeate House, Ludgate Circus, London EC4A 2AB (0171 353 1688).

Care cover back on the agenda

ong-term care, ignored in the Bud- With these, a lump sum is put in an get, could yet be a decisive factor in he next election. A recent survey found two-thirds of adults in their fifties said the policies of the political parties for funding care for the elderly would influence their votes in 1997. The Government year, one on long-term care insurance policies, the other on partnership schemes where the State rewards the individual for making provision for long term care

by protecting more of their assets. But people are not waiting and are buying insurance now to cover cost of care hould they become incapable of "activities of daily living", such as washing and feeding themselves. Single-premium policies are more popular among people near retirement than regular pres which they fear they may not be able to keep up in future. But many do not want to lose a lump sum permanently in case they need it or die without needing care.

One product that is becoming more popular is investment-linked schemes.

investment fund from which regular pre-miums are deducted to fund a long-term care policy. These products have a cash-in value and if the policyholder dies without needing care, any residual value can.

t present only a few companies offer these products but at least Litwo new entrants are expected in 1997. The first to launch a product two years ago was Scottish Amicable European. Its success in attracting £85 million has encouraged others. This year Irish Life International and PPP have launched products, while Skandia Life is to launch a scheme in the new year. In order to make the products tax efficient and more affordable, all of the companies apart from PPP are situated offshore: Scottish Amicable European and Irish Life International are both based in Dublin, while Skandia's new product will be sold from the Isle of Man.

But not all advisers are happy with

these products. Martin Telling of the Falcon Group in Bristol, a specialist longterm care insurance adviser who also heads a working group on the subject for the Independent Financial Adviser Association, said: "The fact that most of these products are sold by offshore companies changes under a Labour Government, it will alter costings within the products." He added that people should look critically at the cover provided. "Scottish Amicable's plan, for example, does not at resent give people access to any counsel ling or help with arranging care if it becomes necessary as a number of other providers do. I believe this is a very important part of any long-term care insurance package as elderly people often need assistance at this difficult time." He is happier with PPP's Lifetime Care Bond where a healthy man of 65 can buy cover for EL000 a month care fees for a E22,500

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Life insurers tighten up on ME claims

people suffering from drome (CFS) and myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) are encountering problems with their life insurers, according to the ME Association. This week it was disclosed that the Duchess of Kent was among the victims and had been

advised by her doctors to cut back on her commitments. More than 150,000 people are estimated to have developed ME in this country after catching a viral infection after prolonged fatigue. In addition to debilitating muscle pain and tiredness, sufferers experience insomnia and acute difficulties with concentration and comprehension. The Royal College of Physicians reckons that up to a million people

could suffer from CFS. Doctors, however, are divided as to whether either CFS or ME are specific illnesses or just a collection of symptoms in which fatigue dominates. They also disagree over hether the roots are mental

The passions behind the debate exploded into public in Gavin Lumsden says medical

uncertainty has hit payments

August when Dr Thomas Stuttaford of The Times and Esther Rantzen, the television presenter, engaged in an illtempered television debate over whether ME was a clinical or an imagined condition.

The RCP has since completed a study into CFS, which, before taking legal advice.

People considering taking out a PHI policy should avoid those that exclude mental illthough authoritative, was unable to make definitive conclusions about its nature. Such uncertainty has

caused CFS sufferers problems in the past when they have tried to claim on perma-nent health insurance policies. Numerous cases arose three years ago when some insurers either refused to recognise CFS as an illness or argued that its symptoms predated the policies being taken out. Charles Shepherd, medical director at the ME Associ-

This is graphically illus-trated by the case of Mary Baker, a 46-yearold CFS sufferer from New Zealand, who is fighting Zurich Life, the Swiss company. after it stopped paying out on her PHI policy. Its contract contains a clause that stops ation, says that, after a lull, UK insurers are picking up on payments after two years if the policyholder's inability to a trend in the US to tighten up on the large number of claims work is related to a mental or from CFS sufferers. Those nervous disorder.

develop CFS.

life insurance broker at the US Air Force base in Aviano, Italy, when she decided to buy a PHI policy from Europea IMG, a financial adviser based in Horsham, West Sussex, which has since been renamed Goodhealth.

The policy, which was un-derwritten by Zurich Life in London, guaranteed to pay her NZ\$24,000 a year in quarterly instalments if she became disabled. At the end of 1993, while working as a volunteer in Croatia, she collapsed with physical exhaustion, and on returning to Aviano was diagnosed with

Unable to work she sent off her claim to Europea. She said: "I was a bit concerned as I was aware that some doctors do not accept it as a condition. but Zurich Life accepted its

Her pleasure was shortlived, she says, as, at the end of each subsequent quarter, the company would ask for more medical information which caused delays in pay-

In July 1995 she underwent



Clare Francis, author and round-the-world yachtswoman, suffered from ME and became a fundraiser for the illness

a five-day hospital examination, which confirmed her condition was not depression. When the following payment was again delayed she com-plained to the Association of British Insurers (ABI). The ABI contacted Zurich Life and

Ms Baker received her cheque

Meanwhile, her condition worsening, she was advised to return to New Zealand where she could have the support of her family. Shortly afterwards the company said it required an independent medical examination, insisting this was

done in Switzerland. Ms Baker agreed and appointments were made before she flew home. Unfortunately, days before she was due to fly to Switzerland, she was taken to hospital where she had a

Since then Zurich Life has

CFS is a mental illness and therefore Ms Baker does not qualify under the policy. It has also said that if she was fit enough to fly, she could work. Ms Baker contests these points. Zurich Life refused to

IVI rely on the benefit system to maintain our standard of living should we be unlucky enough to fall ill and have to leave work.

A type of insurance policy called permanent health insurance was developed with this in mind.

As the name suggests, it provides cover should you fall ill and not be able to work, either permanently or temporarily. The idea is a good one, but the problem is that some of the providers are balking at paying out when customers make a claim.

They have set up numerous kinds of testing to catch out the shirkers. But pressure groups say these tests can be twisted to serve the purposes

of the provider. Earlier this year Weekend Money featured the case of Robert Napier who suffered has been racked with nain. and now uses a wheelchair for

He claimed on his permanent health insurance policy ten years ago, but since then, Unum, his insurer, has challenged his illness despite the fact that his GP pronounced him an invalid.

.Two years ago the company stopped paying altogether, relying on a report from a specialist who said that Mr Napier, now 50, had grossly exaggerated his disability.

But the High Court found that Mr Napier's case was perfectly genuine and that his payments of 60 per cent of his former salary of £62.500 should be reinstated. The case showed how insurers are prepared tochallenge a customer even in the face of conflicting medical reports.

What is perma health insurance? What is permanent

It is insurance that re-A it is insurance mai re-places your income. If from a rheumatic illness. He you are unable to work for a set time your policy will pay a normally expect to earn until

The rules changed in April and all payments are now taxfree. The insurance company will make an open commitment to pay part of your salary until your planned retirement

age if necessary.

who do have problems with their PHI policies should go through their insurer's inter-

nal appeals procedure. If this fails to satisfy, Dr Shepherd advises contacting the insur-

ance ombudsman and obtain-

ing a medical report from a

ness, as this will inevitably

cause them problems if they

The maximum payout will be three quarters of gross earnings. Illnesses not covered include Aids, self-inflicted injuries and drugs not prescribed by doctors. Cheaper policies may not include ME or mental illness. Dangerous pastimes such as sky diving may not be covered or you may have to pay a higher

Some policies may pay out if you can only return to work part-time but you will have to pay extra for these. Some licies can be inflation-

Why would I want a PHI policy?

More than one million A More man one people in Britain have eh sickthan six months. A further employed.

600,000 have been off for more than three years.

Benefits will not replace your salary: a family of four has to get by on just over £100 a week if the breadwinner is off work for more than six

Bent health insurance? | How do I obtain perma-

A First eneck in your eminsured under your em-First check if you are ployer's scheme. If you have a company pension, you may also have PHL

If not, you can purchase an individual policy after consult-ing an independent insurance broker (You will find a list from BIIBA).
The problem with employ-

ers' schemes is that you have to be employed to receive permanent health insurance payments. So, if you become too ill to work and start receiving payments and you are then fired or made redundant as a result of your illness, our payments will stop. This ness or disability for more is because you are no longer

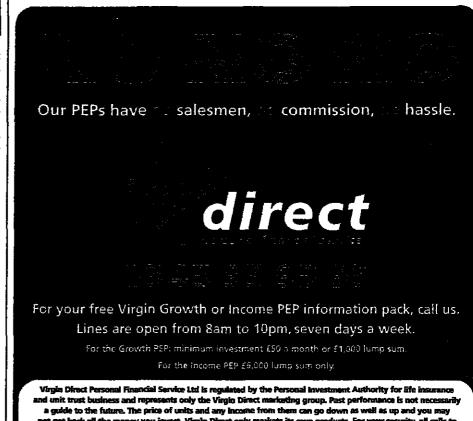
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A Ensure that the policy provides for inability by reason of sickness to follow his or her occupation". Some policies will now say that you have to be unable to follow any profession or occupation not st your own. This means doctors, for example, have been turned down if they can still do clerical work.

Will I have to wait Defore I receive

Yes, all PHI schemes A Yes, all rris suicines have a waiting period before you can claim. This is usually between 13 and 102 weeks, so check the conditions before you sign up. Generally, the longer the waiting period, the cheaper the cover. So weigh the savings up against the wait period. Waiting over six months may be counter-

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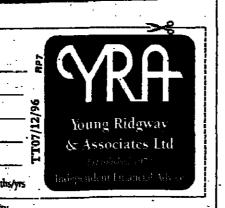
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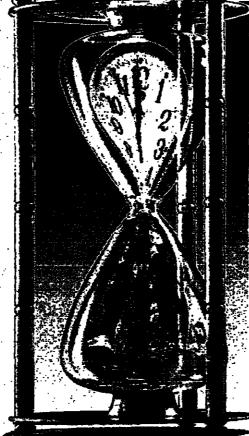
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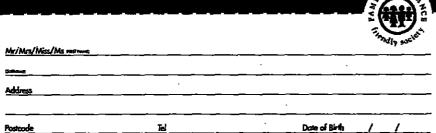
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Rising expectations: housebuilders are looking to a further improvement in the new homes market but there are hurdles to be overcome

Building on recovery mood

The galloping recovery in the housing market is giving hope to beleaguered housebuilders, among the hardest-hit sector in the long recession. But investors should remain cautious as many dangers threaten to ambush the industry.

Last week the Nationwide Building Society reported that house prices rose by nearly 9 per cent over the past year, and this week the Halifax Building Society confirmed the upward trend, with a slightly lower figure of 7.7 per cent for the year to November.

By contrast the prices of new homes have fallen by 1.3 per cent over the same period. Roger Humber, director of the

House-Builders' Federation, says: "Although we are seeing an increase in volumes throughout the UK, price increases are limited to London and the South East. There is still not much joy for the South West or anywhere north of Northampton."

Scott Fulton, building analyst at Merrill Lynch, the merchant bank, says share prices of housebuilding firms have been falling over the past transactions, could ride on the back of six months, in spite of more optimistic the revival in second-hand house



growth forecasts. They are now trading a near 10 per cent discount to the rest of the market.

Whether this presents a buying opportunity for gamble-happy investors depends on housebuilders' ability to leap several looming hurdles. The first relates to interest rates. Higher base rates mean more expensive mortgages and a brake on the housing market recovery. Hopes that new

hurdle is the price of land. It is in shorter supply now than in the early Eighties, so prices are likely to increase faster than house prices. The shortage is particularly acute in London and the South East, where the recovery is strongest.

Housebuilders have already seen 50 per cent price increases in some cases. Many firms are also experiencing long delays in obtaining planning permission from local councils even for land

they already own.

A third hurdle is spiralling production costs. A nationwide skills shortage, thanks to the ravages of the recession, at a time of increasing demand, will push wage costs up. Building material suppliers will also be looking to charge more.

Mr Fulton sums up: "House price inflation should generate greater volume in the new houses, so 1997 presents a rosy picture. But housebuilders will enjoy only a short time in the sun. This is the right time to buy on a short-term view." He recommends Berkley Group, the executive home specialist, which is concentrated

market may be shortlived. A second in the South East where the recovery is hurdle is the price of land. It is in strongest. Astute timing of land sales and purchases has contributed to a strong balance sheet.

The big volume builders, Barratt and Persimmon, are also recommended because of their impressive land banks. Barratt, trading at a 15 per cent discount to the rest of the market, looks good value.

Steve Charnock, building analyst at Charterhouse Tilney, the stockbroker, believes the medium-sized builders. such as Bellway, will have the flexibili-ty to adapt quickly to the volatile market. Mr Humber at HBF is hopeful that rising disposable income, im-proved job security and the recent relatively benign Budget, will encourage continued growth in the new house market, despite the caveats outlined above. He expects around 155,000 new homes to be built next year, compared with an estimated 140,000 this year. But investors will need particularly clear crystal balls to make the right

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Pep savings schemes also pay different yields and cost different amounts, and some have early-encashment penalties. Initial charges vary between nothing on HSBC's and Virgin's to 6 per cent on Eagle Star's general Pep. Annual management charges on plans range from nil to 15 per cent. NatWest's Pep savings plans carry no annual manage charge but a high initial charge while Morgan Greniell's Pep savings plans bear a

Some Pep savings schemes are geared towards growth and some towards income. Some of the newer corporate bond Peps carry high yields of 7 to 8 per cent. Because the annual management charge is usually taken out of income generated, find out the size of the charge. It is also necessary to look at whether penalties are applied if a savings plan is encashed

According to a survey by Planned Savings magazine, the top-performing Pep savings plans over the past five years were from Hill Samuel. Jupiter, Invesco, Old Mutual and Gartmore. A sum of £100 a month put in Hill Samuel's UK Emerging Companies Trust would now be worth £11,505 on a total investment of £6,000. The same monthly investment in Jupiter's European and income Pep savings plans would be worth £11,437 and £10,960, respectively. The same investment in Invesco's UK smaller companies trust and European smaller companies trust would be worth £10,819 and £10,770.

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Sarah Jones takes a seasonal look at a risk-free investment

Take Tessa to the party for that extra sparkle

for Tessa, this year it looks as if there may be a little more sparkle to her Christmas. With talk of interest rate rises, competition could once again hot up among Tessa providers.

"When the move on savers" rates comes, we should start to see a divergence in Tessa rates," says Alastair Altham of Johnson Fry Asset Managers. "Where providers are keen to get new depositors, and taxexempt special savings accounts (Tessas) are a good way of doing that, they are likely to raise their rates. Most Tessas are taken out between January and April in anticipation of the end of the tax year."

Investors fail to shop around, especially for followon Tessas, but there are attractive rates available. Moreover last time round the best returns came from the smaller building societies - in other words, from those providers most likely to be taken over or merge over the next five years, giving you the chance of an extra merger bonus from your Possible flotations appear in the best buy charts. However fixed rates should For a follow-on Tessa, for only be for those who want example. National Counties is offering a variable 7.2 per cent, the Marsden a variable 7 per cent and the West Bromwich 7.45 per cent fixed.

The Inflation Beater Tessa

from the society most rumoured for flotation. Birmingham Midshires, guarantees to be 3 per cent above the retail price index and is currently at 7 per cent. Minimum deposit is £1,000 and it is also available as a first Tessa. Other first Tessas include

West Bronzwich's variable 7 per cent and 6.8 per cent from both Market Harborough and the Principality. For fixed first Tessas, Yorkshire is paying 7.3 per cent and Birmingham Midshires 7.05 per cent. With expectations of base-rate

rises, savers may assume that fixed rates should be avoided. Not so, says Mr Altham. "Don't be bamboozled by talk of shortterm rates rising. Long-term rates in the money markets have not changed dramatically so many fixed rates still look good and won't necessarily rise as obviously as variable Tessas.*

absolute security, and can tie themselves in for five years. The best option is to go for a variable rate that has low penalties for early exit, so you can move providers if you see a more competitive rate.

Tessas are still the most taxefficient risk-free product on offer from the bank or building society. However the amounts you can invest are limited: if it is your first Tessa you can save up to £3,000 in the first year and £1,800 in each of the next four years up to the maximum £9,000. Some first Tessas demand the full E9,000 which is put into a feeder account.

f it is your second Tessa, you can put in all of the capital saved — but not the tax-free interest earned from your first Tessa. But you have only six months from the maturation date of your first Tessa to decide which new one to go for. If your maturation date is pending, you should be able to find a decent follow-on rate over the coming months.

for savers, providers are looking more like Scrooge than Santa. There will be no quarter of a per cent rise across the board for savers, as there has been a wholesale rise for borrowers. Instead the promised increases will be on selected savings products and of a varying

ing on for news.
The average savings rate rise at Northern Rock, for example, will be 0.3 per cent, although the mortgage rate has gone up 0.5 per cent. It is also likely that only the top tiers of the postal accounts the product by which Northern Rock does most of its fighting for new customers -

amount Moreover, with lend-

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will be touched. The Coventry has raised its mortgage rate 0.25 per cent, but has remarkably little information on savings rates. A spokes-woman says: "Rates will go up on January I, but we need to see what happens in the marketplace before we decide which products will be affected." Abbey National has raised its

ROLLOW-ON TESSAS — PERCENTAGE GROSS

Savings rates are to go up from 0.05 per cent to 0.25 per cent, though some fixed-rate bonds will rise 0.35 per cent.

"It is not as simple as putting up one mortgage rate. Different products have different competitive strings attached to them," says an Abbey spokesman. "We have to look at the market and if a product is already competitive, it will not rise so much.

The Abbey will be changing its rates for savers with effect from Janu

ary I. Rates on the Abbey Instant Saver account currently range from 0.50 per cent to 3.50 per cent. From the beginning of next year, they will range from 0.50 per cent to 3.65 per cent, hardly leaving savers better off at all.

For example, a balance of £5,000 currently earns 2.70 per cent, which will be raised to 2.75 per cent. Investment Ac count rates will be increased from between 3 per cent to 4.75

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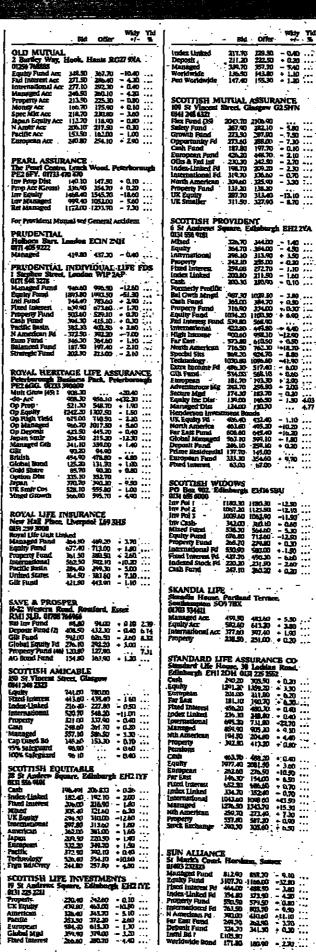
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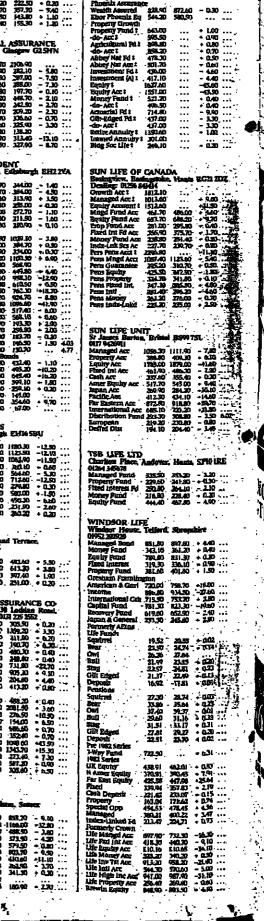
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From Mr Matt Lee Sir. I would like to offer some support for the Alliance and Leicester Building Society, as I believe a lot of recent criticism is unfair. How people can say that the disabled are being discriminated against is ludicrous, this only occurs when the first name is that of a carer who possesses an account themselves and certainly these cases should receive attention from the society, but take note PENSO" ANNUME here are also others in this situation, therefore it can't, by

lefinition. be discrimination.

As for the individuals who laim they should receive nore, they should go back to ursery school. The society ade it very clear that the hare distribution plans were ndecided and just as any ther investment it was a smble it is a less of season. amble. It is a loss of one vote hich is being compensated and to this end the individuals oncerned may vote against te conversion or vote for it ad accept one bonus.

Yors faithfully, 2 Taft Hall,

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Fim Mr G. Nicholson S Mr Mountain (Freeshes row deepens. Novem-b(9) should realise all methor of keeping savings carry a ri. Bank notes hidden under floboards will be eaten away byinflation, if not by mice. Sires can lose part or all of thr value, and returns on all our investments are almost ceain to be less than could he been earned elsewhere.

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or a large sum in a buildinsociety account to perform w. not only must the society coert in the short term, but italso must pay variable buses which are sufficiently gduated to reflect the large arunt on deposit. Even now wio not know if this will be th case with the Halifax viable share distribution.

Ir Mountain took somethg of a gamble in leaving ED,000 plus with the A&L. hing that the bonus payout wild more than compensate fethe relatively low rate of irrest he was getting. If he bked the wrong horse he h only himself to blame.

Yers faithfully,
COFFREY NICHOLSON.

9Broadbottom Road, Mtram, Cheshire.

Im Mr D.B. Marchant 5. My wife and 1, as regular sers with the A&L since 19, feel similarly aggrieved tJane Beer (What a differee a day makes, November, We allowed our balance to op to £93.61 between Sepinber 30 and October 20. Our account normally holds tween £1,000 and £2,000. nly twice has it dropped low £100 - once in 1993 and : above. So now we are not dy deprived of a vote but so free shares. If interest had en added, we would probay have been OK. We feel the unter staff should have arned us of the consequences our withdrawal. ours faithfully. ENNIS MARCHANT, Freeman Wav.

uorn, Leicestershire.



The iniquities of student grant calculations

Sir, I was very interested to read your article (Call for less tax on family values, November 9) showing that remaining married is a severe disadvan-

tage to one's tax health.
This is true, but I would point out that the disadvantages imposed by the national tax system pale into insignificance when compared with the disadvantages suffered by a married couple, whose children attend university and who are seeking financial support from their local authority. Essentially, the grossly unfair rule is that the income of step parents and the contributions made by a divorced (absent) parent are not taken into account when assessing the grants available to university

This leads to the most blatantly inequitable situations, for example a woman not working, and therefore with no apparent income of her own, whose two children are at university, married to a man with a very high income, is assessed as having zero income and therefore both the children receive full local au-

thority grants. The minimum that this costs the local authority is £3.420 pa, and if the students are medical students on clini-cal work, it could well cost the local authority upward of £7.000 pa. The new husband's income may well be such that he can afford to give both his

Victim support

From Mr A.G. Phillips Sir. All credit to Anne Ashworth (Contemptible tendency to blame victims. November 16) for her pressing in her column for action for the victims of pensions mis-

There has long been a tendency to investigate crimes which involve even modest violence with more vigour than those which "merely" result in the victims incurring financial loss.

Even then, the emphasis is on the perpetrator of the crime. The situation with accidents is even worse.

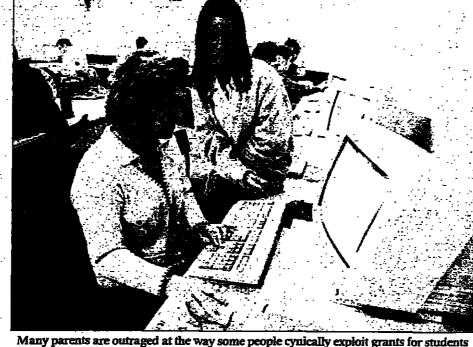
To the best of my know-ledge, there are still many cases of the victims of air disasters which occurred in the 1980s, of coach crashes almost as long ago and of many other accidents at football stadiums and on the roads, where liability has been challenged, where the victin have yet to receive any kind of compensation at all.

Not only have they suffered personal loss the loss of a. breadwinner and possibly trauma as well, but continue to be denied any financial

And of course, we all pay for

losses resulting from computer fraud, the full extent of which is not declared, or even not detected, by large Yours faithfully. ANTHONY PHILLIPS. 32 Upper Street. Salisbury,

Wiltshire.



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step children brand new cars for their 18th birthday

At the very least, this deprives the local authority's education budget of funds which could well be spent on much more deserving targets. Moreover, since the recipients of this largesse tend to crow about it to those of us unfortunate enough to have remained married and, therefore, required to pay through the nose

Sir,I am sorry to inform Mr

Abbott (Letters, November

30) and any other readers

hoping to obtain 6.25 per cent interest tax-free from

the Revenue by overpaying

their taxes, that the rules

Any payment of tax above

that demanded will not qua-

lify for interest on repay-ment Under the new self-

assessment, demands are

based on the previous year's

tax, so refunds are only

are skewed against them.

Revenue refunds with interest

for our children at university in spite of a relatively modest income, it gives rise to understandable resentment.

I cannot believe that it is difficult for local authorities to require information about the income of both partners, where someone has remarried, or indeed, is living in a stable relationship or to require information about the financial or "in kind" contri-

Underpayment

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likely to arise to those with

falling incomes or who, for

instance, ceased trading the

previous year. (They still get

demands). On the other

hand, interest charges and

surcharges await those who

underpay "on account" without due reason, among

which, shortage of money is

not included. The taxpayer

(Ex-Inspector of Taxes).

13 Wood Street, Penarth.

cannot win.

LJ. HOW,

Yours faithfully,

interest

divorced or separated partner contributions to the support of university students.

Until this is done, the entire system will continue to be an inequitable farce, and local authorities will be paying out enormous sums of money to undeserving recipients. Yours faithfully, J. HORWOOD, 76 Copers Cope Road,

Beckenham, Kent.

Singles plea Bad news for those awaiting

From Ms A. Le Cornu Sir, As a single person recently returned to the UK and who finds payment of rent an exfinds payment of rent an ex-cessively large chunk of her salary, yet who prefers not to be obliged to share, I write in wholehearted support of Eliza-beth Balsom's letter (Tax and the single girl, November 23) where she brings attention to the fact that single people must bear 100 per cent of many costs alone. Any propos-al by whatever government to al by whatever government to raise tax for those living alone will be a serious hardship in a society which increasingly discriminates against singles to the extent that even holidays demand a "single (and prohibitive) supplement" if they pre-fer not to sleep with a complete stranger; whether male or female is not usually specified. I plead for more awareness of the true hardships faced by many people living alone.

22 Joel Street, Northwood Hills, Middlesex.

ALISON LE CORNU,

Double trouble

From Mrs. J. Davies Sir,I was intrigued to read (Hotel shares are still hot property. November 30) that Stakis Hotels is buying Metro-pole Hotels for £327 million. Would Stakis have done better to spend a fraction of this sum

incorporating a few single rooms into their new hotels? We have been told the Bath hotel has no single rooms. Clever eh? Then you charge extra for any single person who has to sleep in a double room. Is there not discrimination or exploitation here? Yours faithfully. JUDITH DAVIES. 43 Parkwood Road, Tavistock, Devon.

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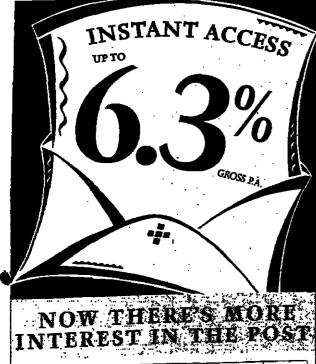
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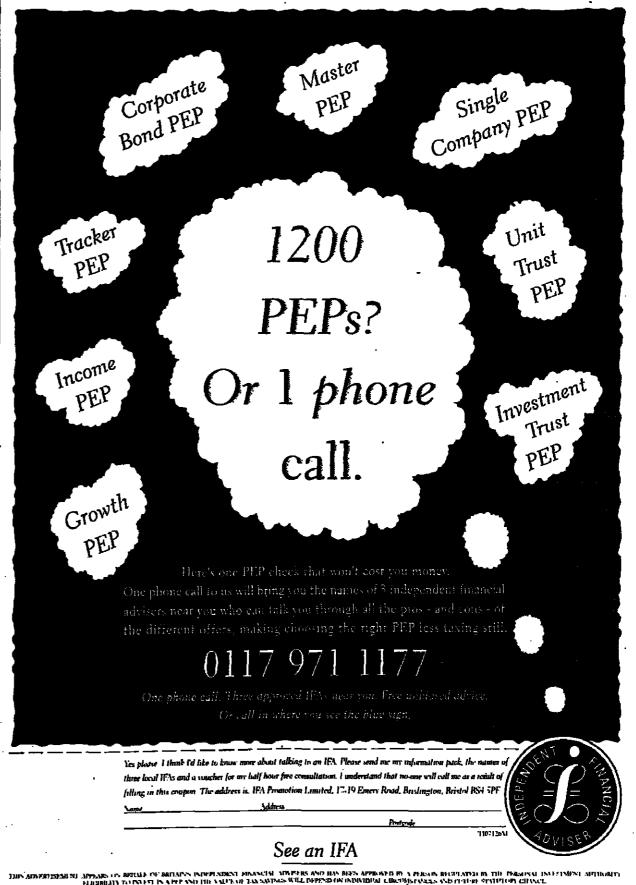
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Silver Groom earns vote in open contest

THE £50,000-added William Hill Handicap Hurdle (3.05) at Sandown today represents a victory for sensible planning. Two years ago Teinein might have carried 10st 12lb, faced around half his 14 opponents, started close to odds-on and won in a common canter. However, an overhaul of the

race conditions has achieved the desired effect. The earlyclosing condition, embracing minimal penalties, has been abandoned, and a ceiling imposed on the highest-rated horse means that no top-class hurdler can compress the Nao: MULLIGAN occasion to suit a stablemate

conveniently weighted near the foot of the handicap. The race was dead in the water," David Hood, William Hill's racecourse representative, said. Under the old conditions they would understandably have run scared of Teinein, but this time there would have been 20 runners with some give in the ground. It is a good, competitive race, is what everyone

wants." Teinein still holds a fine chance. Yet the fast-improving gelding is no blot on the nandicap, a fact reflected by his 11-4 quote from the sponsor. He is an attractively priced favourite, but there are plenty of alternatives for those prepared to look elsewhere.

Teinein is 16lb higher than when he started the campaign.

12.45 Stevie's Wonder

1.45 Billygoat Gruff

1.15 Cadougoid

A more telling factor is likely to be the drying ground; the five-year-old has never prevailed with the word "firm" in the official going and looks worth opposing It also remains to be seen how Embel-lished. the well-backed challenger from Ireland, copes with the likely fast ground.

Mystical City, Barna Boy and Make A Stand are closely matched on their recent encounter at Cheltenham. That

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(L20 Sandown Park) Next best: Silver Groom (3.05 Sandown Park)

represents solid form, but Silver Groom's emphatic victory at Ascot, where Barna Boy finished 9½ lengths third, makes Reg Akehurst's candidate attractive at the weights. Silver Groom goes particularly well on a sound surface and merits the vote.

Highlight of the Chepstow card is the Rehearsal Chase (2.20), a £30,000-added handicap of limited weight range designed to attract the top chasers in the country. It has failed in this respect, even if the contest is intriguingly

The highest-weighted horse, on list loib, is Mr Mulligan,

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 DEVON PEASANT.

| 1030-4 | BLAZER MOTRIMERE 11 (S) (1 Perf) | Pilichans 7-12-0 | S Fox - 3210-25 POURTH NI LINE 18 (C.G.S) (1 Michaels) M Willamson 8-11-4 | W Marston 90 (2213-31 SPANSON MAY MARSON 18 (2015) (1 Palmer) | Pickes 4-11-4 | D Kansongh (5) 97 (5/231-2 NANSON MOT SAMOES 19 (S) (8) Opdon A Formel 6-11-0 | W Marston 90 (223-34 CAROLISOLO 8 (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | A P Michael 90 (223-34 CAROLISOLO 8 (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | A P Michael 90 (223-34 CAROLISOLO 8 (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | D Britgmans 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-13 | S Michael 90 (235-34) (C.D.F.D.S

BETTING: 2-1 Spanking Yaznar, 5-2 Kingdom of Stades, 4-1 Cabougold, 7-1 Lotte Germer, 8-1 others. 1995: (ELLS LIFE 6-10-11 & Towney (16-1) P Hobbs 13 ray

FORM FOCUS

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES)

12.45 DECEMBER MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £2,694: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1.15 TIMBER TOPPERS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£4,936: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

Long bandicus: Nici. The Beak 9-12.

2.20 Mr Mullican 2.50 Tread The Boards

3.20 Or Royal

who, together with Trying Again, St Mellion Fairway and Sister Stephanie, is embarking on his first season outside the novice ranks. Official handicappers maintain that the apparent lack of highclass steeplechasers is an illusion, yet the Rehearsal Chase has attracted just three seasoned campaigners. Only one of them, Belmont King, will be running from his proper handicap mark.

Four years ago several soft opportunities for high-class steeplechasers were culled from the programme. Recently, a spate of valuable handicaps chases have been run on lively ground. However, the suggestion that countless trainers are begging for suitable opportunities is hardly vindicated by the field at Chepstow, where easy ground is available. Further pruning of the steeplechase pro-

gramme appears inevitable.

If Mr Mulligan is allowed an easy lead he may not be punished for hitting the occasional fence, but he looksvulnerable on his reappear-ance. A strong gallop would stretch Trying Again's suspect stamina. Belmont King has not run for 19 months, while St Mellion Fairway has yet to master his art. With Grange Brake and Sister Sephanie some way out of the handicap.

(£7,126: 3m 2t 110yd) (7 numers)

1.45 JACK BROWN BOOKMAKER HANDICAP CHASE

2.20 REHEARSAL CHASE (Grade II: Hmitted handicap: £18,822: 3m) (7 numers)

Lang kandicap: Gango Brain 9-12, Sister Stephanie 9-10.

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119714- NAZZARO 256 (B.D.S) (A Monsh) W (6 M Immer 7-11-5
425410V DAVYMS BDV 555 (D.B.S) (A Parlary N Teiston-Dowes 11-17-2
305111- RULL OF DATS 200 (D.B.S) (I Martheasth) Miss H Knight (0-10-13
72294-1 SOND JRRS 37 (D.G.S) (Plantes) P Nichola (7-10-5
73-2271 Table EMDUREF 200 (D.F.G.S) (UNIVERS Parlars) C Brooks 7-10-4
01-113U SAMEEF 7 (D.F.G.S) (White Lion Parlars) P Hobbs 7-10-4

BETTRIC: 6-4 Billygnat Groft, 4-1 Fell Ot Cats, 5-1 Time Entugh, 6-1 Boed Jan, 6-1 Mazzaro, 10-1 Sapolee, 16-1

FORM FOCUS

BILLYSDAT GRUFF 26:1 2nd of 3 to Chempost in immitted francisco classe of Worcester (2m 71 110)d. good). MAZZARIJ distant 4th of 17 to Another Scusse in Medicants National Hundray Classe at Uticopier (4m 21 good). See 11th of 22 to Weishard in Scutse Another (2m 11 good). DAKYNS BOY 63 11th of 22 to Weishard in Scutses Another (2m 11 good). SAMILE 201 Growth at November 11 good (2m 11 good). See 11th of 22 to Weishard in Scutses at Wincardon (2m 11 good) and penulinal see 11 will be an immitted to the see at Wincardon (2m 11 good) on penulinal see 12 will be a see 12 will be a see 13 will be a see 14 wincardon (2m 11 110) of good) on penulinal see 12 will be a see 13 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 14 will be a see 15 will be a

BETTIME: 6-4 Mr Medigan, 2-1 Tryong Again, 4-1 St Medion Fairway, 10-1 Sister Stephenie, 14-1 Garge Braie, 20-1 Toron, Belenati King.

1995: CRANGE BRAKE 9-10-2 O Walsh (12-1) N Teston-Daves 3 ray FORM POCUS

MRI MILLIGAN & Zwi of 12 to Nathbee Lad in Sim Alliance Clases at Cheffenham (the 11 gold in soft, Hydron Gold Cap Landed Handicap Chaze at Ender HYMRS AGAIN completed hard-cap chaze at Kengton (Zwi 41 110yd, good to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Bridge 71 in 7 -quature limited hand-cap chaze at Kengton (Zwi 41 110yd, good to soft), BELMONT (Cap Handicap Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 12 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Bridge 10 in 4 to 10 to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 13 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), GRANGE BRACE, Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at Newborn (Zwi 14 10 do to soft), Grand Chaze at N

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7-4 Yilday Wunder, 2-1 Mr Picipochet, 4-1 Goldenswill, 10-1 Credo is King, 12-1 Stage Paper 16-1 Big Archet, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPRS: D Michaston, 23 wangs from 54 quinters, 42,6%, C Books, 7 from 27, 25,9%, C Mano, 3 from 12, 25,0%, T Brosson Jones, 6 from 27, 22,2%, Mrs. J Priman, 9 from 41, 22,0%, D Guidello, 7 from 38, 18 4%.

JOCKEPS: D Callagher, 10 westers from 50 rides, 20 0%, 8 Feston, 3 from 18, 16,7%; A Thombon, 5 horn 34, 14,7%, M Richards, 3 from 27, 17,1%. Only quadress.



FIESEST THE FORCE hast Carline Belgambs 71 to 9ressur novice huntle at Ascot (2th 110pd, good to fare). AEFBOM best Force: Sheet Side in 17-tenner tensor huntle at lienchung (2an 110pd, good). PETA hust films: Bay hand in 7-tenner povice hundle at Window (2an 41, odod). EL DOM best Highbarts (46 in 7-tenner powersh towices' hundlesp burdle at Windowty (2an, good). Selection: AEFBOM (pap) 2.30 MITSURISM SHOGON THIGHE CREEK TROPHY CHASE (Grade L E31,640: 2m) (4 numbers) 19123-3 LOPED DERCET 22 (CDF, E, S) (1 lingg) J Charles 641-7 222-121 SOURD MAN 13 (CD, E, S) (Loyd) E (Charly (leg) 6-11-7 256-4-11 STORM ALERT 15 (CDE, E, S) (Files D'Permig () discribed 10-11-7 311212- WINNE FLASSIFF 240 (CD, F, E, S) (Files Fronts Lin) D (Charleson 9-11-7 BETUNE: 4-5 Sound Man. 5-2 Willing Flagship, 3-1 Stony Aint, 25-1 Lord Decent 1998: SOUND MAN 7-11-7 B Democraty (5-6 in) E CFBook 5 cm 2.50 SCUDAMORE CLOTHING HOVICES SELLING HURDLE £1,954: 2m 4f 110yd) (10 numers) ' LORD, DORCET short-head and 151 3rd of 7 to Ventam Carpyon in grade M Triphaptist Novices' charge at Austral (2nu, poot), VICING FLAGSHP best Californe Bay 3161 is 4-mone handless charge at Punchestonie (2nu, selb), SCURIO MAN 71 in 4-mone grade 1 Manno Medico Charge at Austral (2nu, poot), STURIO MAN 71 in 4-mone grade 1 Manno Medico Charge at Austral (2nu, poot), STURIO MAN Selection, SCURIO MAN 3.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£35,316: 2m 110yd) (15 namers) 3.76 C 2m 710y01 (15 DUDIES) 0-11228 MYSTCAL CITY 8 (15.8) (Program Specially) Whiteless (Int) 8-11-10. D J Casey 12970-5 250840 MEL 28 (0.5.8) (First (Dunca Rusloy) J Spatring 5-11-8. A Magnete 10020-1 282/MCF9R00M 32 (20.5.8) (Salver Duline) Perfeloy R Ambrack 6-11-8. S Ryon (S) 1438-11 1 19900 M 3 (20.5.8) AS Selection F For Selection R Ambrack 6-11-8. S Ryon (S) 120-610 TRESINSTERIO 21 (0.5.6.5) (T Price) P Research 7-1. P Hide 401-423 BARRAN 807-21 (6.5.5) (I. Wheen) M Forefaces 8-11-4. A Reguest 401-423 BARRAN 807-21 (6.5.5) (I. Wheen) M Forefaces 8-11-4. A Reguest 102-61 DRESINSTER (INCLED) 14 (0.05.5) (Max College) M Mande (Inc) 4-11-4. R Reguest 11228-2 MASTER WELCED) 14 (0.05.5) (Max College) P Research 6-11-3. G Bondiey 1123-6 C CHARANIC GET (1.5.5) (C Harol) J House 5-11-4. G Bondiey 111-25 MANCA STORIO 21 (0.5.6.5) (2.5.5) (1.0.5) (1.0.1) P White R-10-9. G Colde 000-190 TIDJAN 7 (0.5.5) (T Machinese) F Berry (2.6.5) (1.0.5.1) G Colde 1000-190 TIDJAN 7 (0.5.5) (T Machinese) F Berry (2.6.5) (1.0 BETTING: 5-2 Tread The Busids, 3-1 Le Bason, 5-7 Aires, Solf J. 6-3 Kesteda, 8-1 Cabadier, 10-1 Kongies Melody, 12-1 Milanage, 14-1 others. 1995: CAVALERO 6-11-0 J R Ramondo (20-1) H Manores 10 tar 3.20 FLURRY KNOX NOVICES CHASE SETTING: 5-2 Televia; 6-7 Embelished, 7-1 Direct Houle, 5-1 Shier Scott, 10-1 Estimo Nel. 12-1 Charating Birl, Flylag Instanton, 14-1 others. 1995: CALL IT A DAY 5-11-0 O Reference (9-4) D Michobor B ra 3.50 DECEMBER MADDEN HURDLE (Div II: 52,694; 2m 110pd) (9 numers) MYSTICAL CITY 3341 2nd of 8 in Space. Fuscher he hundresp hundred Chellenthese (2m 118) of good to form; with BAPRAN SOY (1th bester of) 357 3nd, MARKE A STAND (46) bester of) 247 3nd on Chellass (340 (50) bester of) 216 of 8th. Silvers GROWN hand, Sook 8 in 5-4 some hundred hand shook 8 in 5-4 some hundred hand shook 8 in 5-4 some hundred hand shook 8 in 5-4 some hundred hand shook 8 in 5-4 some hundred hand sow (2m 110) of, good to firm) with BAPRAN EDY (5th buster oft) 110 3nd and CHAPRAN GROWN (5th buster oft) mad; 4th. TEMENY best Markes 3161 in 7-4 some hundred pinurdle at Handred Staff in 7-4 some hundred ASTRAL INVOIGH SET (M Sanders) M Sauders 4-11-5... ASTRAL INVOIGH SET (M Sanders) M Sauders 4-11-5... BOWCLETE COURT 7 (A Spend) R Bases 4-11-5... 340-300 DRAMESTORE 10 R Breach R Breach 5-11-5... 0 SHOWSHILL HARVEST 24 (S Smith) A Tennel 5-11-5... 1/70423 SUPPLIES GENOTIN 222 (S) (W Sand) J Out 7-11-5... 222 DYOM PESSANT 10 (Pins 8 Sanders) I Collinal 4-11-0... EMBALA 26F (MIS II Price) E Vibrain 4-11-0... P.P. MISS THE BEAT 21 (Bandows Bygold) S Methy 4-11-0... BETTING: 7-4 Septema Genolia, 5-2 Demon Pesasal, 5-1 Bowcliffe Court, 6-1 Satombili Harvest, Defications, 1 1 Asiati Invader, 20-1 offers. 1995: POTENTATE 4-11-0 D Bridgester (6-1) M Pipe 14 sap **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS Rides 1. 67 25.4 67 25.4 18 222 52 15.4 39 10.3 **JOCKEYS** 313 25.5 25.0 23.3 20.6 20.0 D Nickelson M Pipe P Hobbs J Old N Twiston-D P Nickells A P MeCoy D Bridgwajer D O'Solliwan W Marston C Marston Only qualifier

1.55 PATTISHALL HANDICAP HURDLE

SPARKU_BIG YASKIMI best Heldenclose short-head in kandicap kurdle all Newton Abbot (2m Si, heavy). NANGOOM (0° SYANDES 31 2nd of 6 in Neath in hearting heartile at lexicistar (2m, good to solt). CADOUGOLD 13%I 4m of 10 to Mister Morrose in the cold, heart at lexicistar (2m, good to solt). CADOUGOLD 13%I 4m of 10 to Mister Morrose in sold). Selection: SPARKU_BIG YASKIMI Selection: SPARKU_BIG YASKIMI ON THE GUMBER heart The Mexicans Gone 1%I in cortice heartle at Bengo (2m, solt) on cortice heartle at Bengo (2m, solt) on cortice heartle at Polisations (2m 6i 110yd. good in solt). CHEPSTOW: 2.50 Daring Hen. TOWCESTER: 12.55 Happy Jack. WETHERBY: 3.15 Hotspur Street. WOLVERHAMFTON: 3.20 General Academy Sound Man for repeat

TODAY'S RACES

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CHEPSTOW BBCI

1.15: Sparkling Yasmin goes well at this venue, but this tough mare would prefer a greater test of stamina. Kingdom Of Shades developed into a smart novice last term, but is unproven beyond two miles. With Cadougold fully exposed, an interest on Little Gunner is suggested. A win-ner at the minimum trip in April, Little Gunner had Sparkling Yasmin well behind unreliable.

year-old showed plenty of zest on his reappearance, losing out only narrowly to Burnt Imp. That form was endorsed when the third home. Dally Boy, won comfortably next time out. Khalidi ran respectably at Huntingdon recently but Tim, an easy winner in a poor race at Kempton last month, looks a bigger threat. Dark Honey has descended the handicap but his stable is

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to a resounding victory on his all-weather debut here, but faces a much stiffer task this time. Others with chances include Cretan Gift, Chewit and Chickawicka, the lastnamed a winner on turf and over hurdles in the last five months. But Anzie, plucked by Gay Kelleway from an allweather claimer ten months ago, has undergone a remarkable metamorphosis. He has since landed a Pattern race in Ireland, yet gets in here 14lb lower than his turf rating.

this race was heavily over-subscribed, which shows the potential of all-weather Flat racing in winter. The bigger trainers are gradually accepting its benefits, but the problem here is that few allweather regulars are repre-sented. Decorated Hero can complete a lucrative autumn campaign. John Gosden's representative is favoured by easy ground and should act on this artificial surface. Prince Of Andres, the winner 12 months ago, appears on the wane and

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12.25 Southern Nights. 12.55 Reflex Hammer. 1.25 Goldenswift. 1.55 Pettaugh. 2.25 Court Melody. 3.00 Sweet Mount. 3.35 Welsh Silk.	2 5-21 KENDAL CAVALIER 31 (S) 6 Batting 6-11-4 B First 3 G/SF OATIS ROSS 10 (S) M Sheppart 6-10-12. Mr R Thetration 4 31-0 STROMESAVER 10 (f) C Brooks 6-10-9 D Galley 5 3-64 PETTAUGH 12 (CD) 5-15 6 Habbart 8-10-8 K Sanda 6 324 RUBBS BUY 22 (f) N Walter 10-10-6 R First 7 52-3 ENDFALL 19 (f) J Neg 5-10-3 T J Mary 8 441 - GRUBES BUY 22 (GD, 5-5) D Horney South 8-10-3 A Thomas 9 562-2 ARE FLAYRER 57 OF 6-55 K Demay 9-10-7 M Sher
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3 30 BANK AVENUE 259 Mes J Person 5-10-12	2.25 ALDERTON HANDICAP CHASE (£5,150: 3m 1)) (10)
7 G.P. HAPPY MCK 10 (8) P. Janes 5-10-12. Mr. A Statene 8 20-U. LIMPO 28 K Protepaner 5-10-12. T. Junes 9 -PSP MESICAL NET 14 P. Polizanti 5-10-12. L. Vistring 10 9 FSD 850052 16 C Barwell 5-10-12. L. Vistring 11 63-6 SAMMOBELLO 24 N Tractas-Ondes 5-10-12. C. Ubeselyn 12 05-6 SCHOOLN'S COURTE 19 Nats A Heart 5-10-72. S. Wyson 13 0-0 SCHOOLN'S 22 White 4-10-12. T. J. Vistriphy 14 00-6 THE MILLIANSTER TO J. Ubgod 5-10-72. T. J. Ritterphy 15 344 BROULET 15981 T. J. Julieson 5-10-7. E. Callaghate (3) 16 APOD MATHAGENES SCHOOL 22 D Hydra 5-10-7. Mr. H. Thornton (5)	1 37-3 KIMIG LUCHER 24 (G.S.) D Mchales 7-12-9 für R Thombson 2 40-2 LBLY VAL 25 (F.G.S.) Webbell 14-11-4 Fig. 3 30-P HARMELL LAD 32 (LF.G.S.) R Alber 7-11-4 Fig. 18 Abr. 4 Ft-2 COLET MELOUY SF (B.G.S.) P Nicholis 8-11-1 Fig. 18 Post 5 21-2 RECTURY GARDIEL 28 (BF.S.) F Foother 7-10-11. A Thoms 6 Ft-73 REALLY A RASCAL 14 (S.) D Gandalfo 9-10-3 R Farm 7 315- CHEF RABER 288 (S.) in Vestion-Derive 7-10-2 C Liuwell 8 12-0 IONDOXAVERRY 19 (BF.G.S.) M Webson 8-10-0 C Liuwell 9 11-5 MANCES ME SCOSSEY 14 (CLD.S.) Min 1 Middle 8-10-0 C Liuwell 10 5-00 WIDDLE AMES GENERIC 45 (CLD.F.) P Wichard 11-10-8 P Healey (B.S.)
2-1 Five Sr. 7-2 Southern Hights, B-1 Absolutly Equature, 10-1 Dirigle Wood, 12-1 Saturation, 16-1 Bank Avenue, 20-1 offers	9-4 Rectory Surden, 3-1 Libu Vol, 5-1 king Lapter, Count Melody, 7-1 Harvell La 8-1 Ready A Rescal, 14-1 others.
12.55 HORTHANTS 96 CONDITIONAL LOCKEYS HAMDICAP HURDLE (£2,094; 2m) (10) 1 24-3 OR ROCKET 182 (0.5.6.5) R Ocho 11-11-13. X ARDINU (7) 2 10-0 BARKWBIE 35 (0.0) Mix M Rockiy 4-11-12. G Cahill 3 200 LEGIDE 2 (6.0) C Usine 6-6-11-10. J Listope 4 105- GYMCRAK SUMERICA 25.0 (0.5.5) R Exics 8-11-9 P Hortoy 5 -549 (0.10 ARCHWES 12 (8.5) L 1005 7-11-8. DOLBITAL 6 -6-05 REPLEX HAMMER 3 J Upon 5-11-6. D Parker 7 8-13 SYMBURTANTE 4 (8.5) L Loop 8-11-5. A Endow (7) 8 -201 TOMAL 7 R Ingras 4-10-10. G E Somb 9 0-00 STORM TIGER 24 S Melon 5-10-4. L Emission 15 8PP AMBREKTHES 88 F A Stan 4-10-1. L Caminos (5) 2-1 Toral, 5-1 Bark n hee, 6-1 Sprintager, 8-1 Sprintage, (8-1 L'Egispe, Reber Marker, 12-1 other)	3.00 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div L: £1,301: 2m) (10 Turners) 1. 835- MISTHERN STAR 265 (F) A Printing 5-11-11 Miles J. Wormel 2. 0. BANARDER 256 Balling 5-11-4
1.25 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifie: \$4,305: 2m 6i) (10)	10-1 Cliniong, 14-1 Barardier, 20-1 others.
1 0-21 GOLDESSWIT 24 (G.S) G Bating 6-11-2 B Feeton 2 BG ARCHE 5917 (F) Mar A Boutly 6-11-0 B Powel 3 CREDO 5 MIGE P Webber 6-11-0 A Thomster 4 U-25 MR PROPOCRET 14 (EF S) Mass H Knigst 8-11-0 I J Marghy 5 P PROMO DOBY 7 G Belding 6-11-0 J Braillon 6 29-5 STAGE PLYCER 11 (F) Mars Come 10-11-0 I Lawrence 7 -S43 WISLEY WONDER 8 (F,0.5) N Turiston-Davies 6-11-0 G Liberatyn 8 28- BROGERI (ADV 220 D Gardello 5-10-9 R Farrant 9 PO-8 GEMAN'S WISCEN 14 M Campion 6-10-9 L Harvey 10 B STOMMON LUY 77 P WENDER 5-10-9 E Marchand (5) 7-4 Wischy Wender, 2-1 Mr Propociet, 4-1 Goldesswith, 10-1 Drado is Nice, 12-1	3.35 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div 8: \$1,291: 2m (10) 1 12 NEVER IN UEST 18 (F) A Hobbs 4-11-11 Mr 6 Steekin (2 3 86 STANS BOY 45 (87) C Brooks 5-11-4 M Borry 1 3 0 EMDENOUR 28 M REMS 4-11-4 B Pose 4 000- JAYFOCK 79 N Biobly 4-11-4 B Pose 5 4-11-4 E Chilaghon 6 RED SROOK 4 Scheco 4-11-4 E Chilaghon 7 RED SROOK 4 Scheco 4-11-4 E Chilaghon 7 RED SROOK 4 Scheco 4-11-4 C Licensey 8-11-4 THE CROOKED OAK 28 (87) N Trickton-Danney 4-11-4 C Licensey

2 VELSH SEE 36 D Sandallo 4-11-4 South Michael (S)
OUST/MILMY J Maling 4-10-13 South

7-4 Welsh Silk, 7-2 The Crooked Clair, 9-2 Merer to Debt, 6-1 Big Star's Boy, Jet Files, 12-1 Endeavour, 16-1 others.

Ask Tom, an impressive winner at

handicap at Cheltenham next week.

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Spinner in novice chase here (2m 4f 110pd, good in 3mil).

TARA FRANKSLER head 2nd of 5 to Burnt into in hambas hurde at Whitherby (2m 4f 110pd, good).

Selection: TARA RUMBLER COURSE SPECIALISTS Pick up the phone PICK UP A £10° FREE BET FOR FIRST TIME TELEPHONE CALLERS staking £25 or more using Switch or Delta bank er building society debit cards. 2 miles 110 yards, Sandown 3.05pm, Live on CH4 TV. 11/4 Teinein 14/1 Mystical City 9/2 Embellished 16/1 Barna Boy 7/1 Direct Route 16/1 Master Beveled 7/1 Silver Groom 25/1 Dreams End **10/1** Eskimo Nei 33/1 Tidjani 12/1 Charming Girl 33/1 Urban Dancing 12/1 Make A Stand 150/1 Nashville Star 14/1 Flying Instructor Each way One Quarter the odds a place 1,2,3. Prices subject to fluctuation. Residable up to First Show. Tettersells Rule 4fc; may apply. Non numer – no bet LATEST ODDS OF WILLIAM THE TY TEXT • Teletext on CH4 P601/602/603 RING TODAY BET TODAY *0800 44 40 40* Pree bet is a \$10 Straight For on the William Hill Handicap Hu today. (Please place your bet make your free bet selection within the same call.) Newbury last Saturday, misses the Tingle Creek Trophy at Sandown today in favour of a TO OPEN A CREDIT ACCOUNT PREEPHONE 0800 289 892 WILLIAM HILL RULES AN PRICES SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATION.

ON TELEVISION out of form. the likely fast surface. Aerion WOLVERHAMPTON is another promising sort, but over three miles at Bangor he looks too close to the selection in the weights. 2.45: Cim Bom Bom galloped and reopposes on better terms. 1.45: Bond Jnr. Nazzaro and 2.30: Although Viking Flag-ship won this on his seasonal Time Enough tend to force the pace so Billygoat Gruff should enjoy the true staying test on which he thrives. Full reappearance two seasons ago, the nine-year-old usually profits from his first outing of Of Oats is a Warwick specialthe campaign. He may strugist, while Samlee's jumping is gle to cope with Sound Man, the winner last year and 2.15: See above. guaranteed to be fully fit. SANDOWN PARK Furthermore, the Irish challenger appreciates a sound CHANNEL 4 surface, as he showed when 1.55: Resist The Force was so dismissing Storm Alert here 12 impressive on his Ascot hurmonths ago. Lord Dorcet looks outclassed. dles debut that he cannot be opposed, even with the maximum impost. The six-year-old 3.05: See above. 3.20: Like the previous contest, 3.40: Tara Rambler should defied a three-year absence on that occasion and can act on prove hard to beat. The seven-BACING HEXT WEEK MONDAY: Folkestone (first race, 1 00), Ludiow (12.40), Musselburgh (12.20). RACELINE TUESDAY: Huntingdon (12 30), Pumpton (12 40), Sedgefeld (12 50). 0930 168+ WEDNESDAY: Hextram (12.50), Leocaster (1.00), Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10) CHEPSTOW 102 202 THURSDAY: Fakenham (12.50), Sandown Park (100), Taunton (1.10). **Wetherby 103** 203 FRIDAY: Chelterham (C4, 12.15), Don-caster (12.05), Lingfield Park (AW, 12.25) TOWCESTER 104 204 W'HAMPTON 105 205 SATURDAY: Cheltenham (C4, 12.50), Doncaster (C4, 12.15), Haydock Park (HBC, 12.45), Lingfield Park (12.10), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00). bigger dangers are Blomberg, FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168 Nijo and Celestiat Key. Flat meetings in both

O'Dwyer enjoying just deserts

ANDREW LONGMORE

WOOWN PARK



On an Irish jockey making rapid strides

cool, crisp morning at Windsor and Conor O'Dwyer needs a shave. "I'll be out in a. minute," he calls over his shoulder, disappearing into the cosy confines of the weighing room. The five o'clock shadow is excusable. O'Dwyer has been up early riding work for his new boss. Kim Bailey. These are still impressionable days and, like a schoolhoy at interview, he needs to be presentable.

After the first race, in which he gives Music Please an introduction to the art of burdling, O'Dwyer is ready to. talk. He does so easily in a soft Wexford accent, with the humour and self-deprecation which tells of lessons learnt the hard way.

Luck, that fickle commodity which dominates life in this travelling circus, has blessed O'Dwyer with good health, but not enough good horses. Until, that is, he was united by chance with a tough young chaser called Imperial Call and was swept up the Cheltenham hill to overdue fame in

the Gold Cup last March. At the time, it was difficult to tell who was more benused by all the attention, the sevenvear-old Imperial Call or the 29-year-old O'Dwyer, the for-



O'Dwyer is riding his luck after last season's Gold Cup success on Imperial Call

and the latter just beginning to wonder whether he would ever catch up with the big

The road to the winner's enclosure at Cheltenham took a strange series of twists: Thurles racing off when Richard Dunwoody was due to ride Imperial Call. Dunwoody's choice of Flashing Steel for the Hennessy at Leopardstown, Charlie Swan being retained by Aidan O'Brien in the same race and Fergie Sutherland, the train-

craftsman O'Dwyer as third choice. With the race at his mercy, Imperial Call clouted the last and O'Dwyer made a terrible meal of staying on

"I did everything in my nower to wrestle him to the ground," he recalls. "But I didn't succeed, thanks be to God. Needless to say, when I got back to the weighing room Charlie reminded me he was already booked for the ride in the Gold Cup. I said no problem'. I was just very glad to have a big day out." But on

SACRAMENT carries plenty of confidence as

he attempts to continue Michael Stoute's

magnificent run of success abroad in the Hong

Kong International Vase at Sha Tin tomorrow.

Although Count Chivas, runner-up to Saintly in the Melbourne Cup, is likely to be sent off

favourite in the 12-mile race, Stoute's five-yearold looked in peak condition as he completed

his preparation yesterday.

"He's raring to go," Gary Stevens, the leading American jockey, said after riding

Sacrament in a workout over half a mile

yesterday. The Shirley Heights horse, winner of

a group two race at Deauville before landing

the September Stakes at Kempton, appeared to

be in magnificent physical shape - unlike some

horses who have travelled here for the rich

the Goat Grill just outside Dublin, Sutherland changed his mind and offered O'Dwyer the ride.

History does not record how much persuasion took place that night, but as soon as the decision was made, Sutherland found O'Dwyer's mobile phone in his hand with Swan's number ringing. Old friends and golfing partners maybe, but sentiment was not about to part O'Dwyer from his big break.

The partnership is renewed

Sacrament to flower in Vase

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT, IN HONG KONG

champion makes his seasonal debut in the MMI Stockbrokers Punchestown Chase, "He has put on weight, is stronger and has more experience," O'Dwyer said. "There is no

reason why he should not win another one or two Gold Cups. I can't see anything at the moment that can beat Since · Cheltenham, O'Dwyer has joined the ranks

of commuters across the Irish Sea, hitherto the preserve of champions like Dunwoody. This week, it has been Southwell, Windsor and Hereford, then home in time for dinner last night with his wife and two children on the Curragh. One race has not made him a better jockey, just opened doors.

"A year ago, if my agent had rung up Martin Pipe or someone, they would have said. Who the hell is Conor O'Dwyer?' I don't think there is a lot of difference in the way I'm riding from five years ago. I'm riding better horses, which gives you more confidence. Sometimes before I was working too hard to win."

t is typical of O'Dwyer's modest approach that he initially only met Bailey to canvas a few spare rides. An hour later, he emerged from the Carlton Towers hotel as first jockey to one of the most powerful stables in the land. "It was a doddle," Bailey said. "He is very quiet on his horses and is a charming man." The praise is recipro-

"So far, everything has gone brilliantly," O'Dwyer said. "I'm still getting to know the set-up and the owners, but Mr Bailey is very fair. He doesn't make me traipse round the countryside unnecessarily and I'm riding some nice

After years of shadowing others, O'Dwyer is enjoying his time in the sun. "Jockeysdon't always get what they deserve because luck has so much to do with it," he said. But there is a feeling that O'Dwyer is getting exactly

WOLVERHAMPTON

1.05 Desert Zone, 1.40 Fit For The Job. 2.15 Lightning Bolt. 2.45 Chewit. 3.20 Key To My Heart. 3.55 Opera Buff. 4.25 Barrel Of Hope. 4.55 Double-O.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Clm Born Born. 3.20 DECORATED HERO (nap). 4.55 Double-O.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.05 HOLIDAY INH GARDEN COURT
WOLVERHAMPTON HANDICAP (Div I: £2,850: 1m 1f 79yd) (13 runners)

101 0000 KONTWYN 18 (CD,G) W May 6-10-0 . . . 102 0400 THREE ARCH BROOSE 8 (B,D,F,G) M John

1.40 BIRMINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 2-Y-0: £2,965: 61) (9)

9-2 Mets Selby, 5-1 test The Lucky, 6-1 Best Of AB, Diagroupy, 8-1 Golden Touch, 10-1 Chara Castle, 12-1 others.

2.15 radcliffe family & friends selling STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,566: 71) (11)

7-2 Lightering Boll, 4-1 Sensite Swings, 5-1 Basi-Pet, Cool Gey, 6-1 Bestefine, 7-1 Classifono Flyer, 10-1 Countless Times, 12-1 others

2.45 TOTE MOBILE TERMINAL

HANDICAP (£13.940: 7f) (12) HANDYCAP (213.594): 11) (12)
401 (S) 0134 ANZO 48 (R.D.F.G.S) Mass 6 Kellemay 5-10-0 . J. Rekt 402 (9) 0110 CHEWIT 72 (D.F.G.) A Mass 4-9-12.... Candy Morres 90 403 (72) 5000 HARD TO FISURE 28J (D.F.G.S) R Hodge: 10-9-12

405 (4) 1001 CRETAN GFT 32 (B.C.F.G.) N Literactor 5-9-9
16 McLaughim
406 (6) 2000 MF BERGERAC 32 (C.F.G.S.) 8 Pating 5-9-7. B McLaughim
407 (1) 512 SALURMANT O' C.D.G.S.) 5 Bowing 5-9-7. B McClaude
409 (8) 5555 CH2CHARDERA 613 (D.F.G.S.) 8 Pating 5-94... C Winterorts
409 (8) 5555 CH2CHARDERA 613 (D.F.G.S.) 8 Pating 5-94... G Carter
410 (7) SSD1 CAM BOM BOM 12 (V.C.F.G.S.) M Bell 4-9-4. 6 Facilizar (S)
411 (10) COMO KRYSTAI MAN & BOLES (B. Reyro 3-9-4... G A. D.) Holding

FORM FOCUS

3.20 BASS WULFRUN STAKES

501 (9) 4004 BLOMBERG 50 (F.G.S) J Farshore 4-9-3 ... 502 (2) 1112 DECORATED HERO 26 (F.G.S) J Gosden 4-9-503 (12) 5512 KEY TO MY HEART 64 (F.G.S) Mess S. Half 6-9-1 503 (12) 5512 KEY TO MY HEART 64 (F.G.S) Mess S Half 6-9-1
5 Sanders. S Sande

FORM FOCUS

DECORATED HERO 1% 2nd of 10 to River Bay at group lift Prot Perth at Samt-Count (1m., very soft) with ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 44/13nd, KEY TO MY HEART 4/2nd of 4 to Busy Flight in Issed race at Newmarket (1m 4), good to fami, CELESTIAL KEY head and 1 % 12nd of 8 to All-Royal in a Issed race at Newmarket (1m, good) with CELESTIAL KEY stort-head and 2% 4%. PRINCE OF ANDROS best Don Vito 1 % in an 8-numer conductor sace at Chester (1m 2/7 75/d, good to firm) with REBEL COUNTY (2b bester off tabled of last GENERAL ACADEMY 1 % 3nd of 6 to Dang Flame in a conditions race at Redox (7f, good to firm), THAI MORRIMSE best North With 2/3 in a 12-numer conditions race at Lingfield (1m 2f, AM).

3.55 GAL COMMUNICATIONS HANDICAP

601 3058 OPERA BUFF 18 (CD.F.G.S) Miss & Kellmay 5-10-E 4-1 Renown, 5-1 Sta Victor, 6-1 Greenspan, 7-1 Far Albead, 8-1 Troubadour Song 9-1 Glow Forum, 10-1 pilnes.

4,25 HOLIDAY INN GARDEN COURT

(Div II: £2,835: 1m 1f 79yd) (13) 5-1 Mandata, 6-1 Barrel Ol Hope, Angel Face, 7-1 Tessus Ol Ues, 8-1 Status, Suzal, 10-1 Termount, Yeorman Cliner, 12-1 others.

4.55 BIRMINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div II; 2-Y-0: \$2,949: 61) (8)

1 003 DOUBLE-0 19 W Janes 9-0 S Sanders 8
2 FRONT VIEW B Llowellyn 9-0 A Clark 1
3 045 HEVER GOLF DANCER 145 T Naughton 9-1 A Clark 1
4 00 JAY-ONE-TWO 19 R Winklast 9-0 A Cultaria 5
5 0 PET EXPRESS 170 P Hexiam 9-0 P Goode (7) 4
6 0540 VBLAGE PUB 15 (8) K Carvanugham-Brown 9-0 J Red 2
7 3 CMMNA 157 M Tomplains 8-9 G Datletet 6
8 03 PATRIA 21 R Hollanderd 8-9 F Lynch (3) 7

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SOCKEYS: J Reid, 7 winners from 26 rules, 26 9%, Cane O'Nestl, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M J Dwyer, 3 from 15.20%; R Lappin, 6 from 34, 17.6%, 6 Carter, 42 from 243, 17.3%; D R McCabe, 9 from 60, 15.0%, D Sweeney, 3 from 21, 14 5%.

Imperial Call is ready for action

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

IMPERIAL CALL, the Chel- Aintree last year on his only tenham Gold Cup winner, and the two-mile champion chaser, Klairon Davis, meet in a fascinating clash for the MMI Stockbrokers Chase at

Punchestown today. The trip of 21 miles is not ideal for either horse but should provide a useful guide to their respective merits at this stage of the season.

Fergie Sutherland reports that Imperial Call is in good shape for his first race since Cheltenham in March. "He has never been better in

his life," Sutherland said yesterday. "He has strengthened up since last season, put on condition and I am very happy with his level of In contrast, Klairon Davis

has had a run, but it hardly offered encouragement with the vastly interior Fiftysevenchannels scrambling home first in a three-horse race at Leopardstown.

The Arthur Moore-trained gelding will strip much fitter oday but was well beaten at completed outing at 2½ miles. Interestingly, both Klairon Davis and Imperial Call fell in

this race last year. Francis Woods, the jockey of Klairon Davis, said yesterday: The distance will probably favour Imperial Call better than my horse, but he battles so well. I will drop him in and

take my time in the race." This time last year Merry Gale looked a major Gold Cup contender when winning this race but injury put a stop to his good run. His efforts this season have been moderate, two fourth placings at Clonmel and Naas suggesting that he is best watched for the

The three other runners look outclassed and, although the trip is short of his best, the confidence behind Imperial

Call is infectious. Klairon Davis has proved to he a better horse in the spring but should still present the biggest challenge to Fergie Sutherland's young cham-

Exeter

international races.

Going: good:
12.50 (2m 2t Inde) 1, Burlington Sam (0 Burrows, 11-4): 2 Time Leader (7-4 Iss): 3, Korey's Typhono (8-1), 7 ran 154, 34; A Hobbs: Total: 23 10; 21 50, 21, 40 DF, 22 70 CSF: 27.98
1.20 (2m, 2t ch) 1, Cestiacorrum (Mr A Hoddsworth, 12-1): 2, The Whole Hog (14-1): 3, Ferandok (8-2), Jimel Frezi 5-2 ten 11 ran. 10, 3, R Freat Total: 752 150; 27.50, 27.70

98 10 Trio, 925.80. CSF 95.46 \$2.9 (2m. 2f. hole) 1, Dominton's Dreem (G. Supple, 14-1); 2, Jeffenes (B.5 tav); 3, Excisely Budy (14-1) 10 nan. NR. The Stack-Monit, 2, 26 M. Piper, Total 914.50, 22.80, 91.20, 93.40. DF 920.10 Trio: \$145.70. CSF, 233.60. Threat, \$223.81 Placepot \$79.40. Quadquot \$22.10.

Market Rasen

1.90 (2m 1/110/cd hole) 1, Good Vibes (R Genthy, 11-4): 2, Azalu (8-13 fav), 3, September Breaze (25-1), 10 ran 9, 11 T Eastely, 70e: 54.00; 62.20, 51.00, 54.60 DF, 52.00 Tro. 57.30, CSF, 54.63,

Supple, Evens tay; 2, Bold Boss (6-1); 3, Golden Hello (9-2), 9 sen 91, 11 M Wilsinson Total 22-20; 61 10, 52-40, 51 80, 0F; 66-80. Tric: 56-30. CSF £11.33

saddled Singspiel to win the Japan Cup. With Da Hoss, the Michael Dickinson trained winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile, having suffered a troubled preparation, First Island, the Geoff Wragg-trained winner of the Sussex Stakes, appeals in the International Cup over nine furlongs.

However, the best value could be available about Iktamal, the Haydock Park Sprint Cup

1.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Sater Rosza (R Farrent 33-1): 2, Fichu (4-1); 3, Lasste (3-1 (-lau) Monles Jay 3-1 (-lau) 7 (2m 11, 148 Mrs S Lamymer, Totar (23-5); 55 10, 53 20 DF 558 70, CSF: £141 70.

2.40 (2m 11 ndie) 1, Wayfares, Way (Mr C Vigors, 4-1); 2. The Deaconess (25-1); 3, Irish Witchcard 92; Raven's Roos 94 4th 14-ran 7, 11 N Handerson, Tote 54 80; 51.80, 513.80, 51.90 DF: 522.00 Trior 515.180 CSF: 5103.11 Tricast, 5465.22

winner, when Ed Dunlop's runner lines up for the seven-furlong International Bowl. The locals expect him to be sent off at 10-1 or longer.

Since the beginning of September, Stoute has

won a group one race in Germany with Pil-

sudski, landed the Canadian International with

Triomphe with Pilsudski, sent out the winner

and runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Turf and

WETHERBY Singspiel, been second in the Prix de l'Arc de

12.40 Barton Ward. 1.10 Lansborough. 1.40 Thornton Gate. 2.10 The Last Fling. 2.40 Island Chief. 3.15 Spring Gale.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

12.40 THORP ARCH NOVICES HURDLE (£3,178: 2m 7f) (15 runners)

awortt (?) A Roche

1.10 DICK WARDEN NOVICES CHASE (£4,107: 2m 4i 110yd) (9)

6-4 Simply Dashing, 5-2 Lansborough Dec. 12-1 Castly Hang, 20-7 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: M Tompline, 3 witners from 9 numers, 33.3%, Mrs M Reveley, 46 from 152, 28.2%, G Richards, 27 from 111, 24.3%, J Galland, 4 horn 18, 22.2%; T Easterby, 5 from 29, 20.7%; J Johnson, 14 from 74, 18.9%; J Fragezald, 15 from 93, 16.1%, JOCKPS: P Mives, 43 witners from 167 rates, 25.7%; A Dobbin, 16 from 91, 16.5%, R Gued, 10 from 95, 15.4%; F Lesby, 4 from 29, 13.9%, K Johnson, 5 from 93, 13.3%; M Branner, 3 from 23, 13.0%, J Callaghan, 8 from 71, 11.3%.

☐ Jimmy Frost, who received a punctured lung and broken ribs in a fall from Bishops Castle at Hereford last month, hopes to return at Newton Abbot on December 16. "I was checked over by the doctor and everything is coming along nicely," he said.

1.40 ATS HANDICAP HURDLE

2.3,007: 211) (11)

1 44FR NON VANTASE 7 (D.E.S) M Crapman 5-11-12 W Worthington

2 /06 JAZUAH 7 (D.6.S) R Alban B-11-12 R Guest

3 111- PERRY N DAY 28F (D.6.S) Mr. M Reveley 15-11-10 P Neven

4 F4F THORNTON GATE 14 (CD.F.S.) T Lasterby 7-11-9 J Callington

5 3-34 KATAX 15 (CD.6) J Carr 5-11-2 F Leathy (3)

6 1-35 ELPIOUS 14 (D.B.F.S.) M Harmond 4-11-1 R Earthy

7 110- ELATION 365 (D.F.G.) F Stroketzes 7-18-13 A Dobbin

8 4P4 MR BURFAUCRAT 17 (D.F.) S Brookstras 7-18-13 A Dobbin

9 6F4 BERD SABLE 21 (CD.F.S.) F Storp 6-10-6 B Storey

10 22-0 DAWN MESSON 36 (CD.F.) T Earserby 4-10-2 A S Smith

11 32-5 FASSAN 25 M Harmond 4-10-1 Domino Sate 8-1 7-2 Perny A Day. 4-1 Kaitat, 5-1 Japian, 6-1 Non Vintage, 7-1 Thomion Gute, 8-1 Eksen, 10-1 others

2.10 EMMERDALE HANDICAP CHASE

4 02-8 DENVER BAY 21 (D.S.) J Gillord 9-10-13 _ _ _ L Aspet (3) 5 -24F JDE WHITE 14 (D.F.S.) J Johnson 10-10-13 _ _ . . . A S Smith 6 -11U THE LAST FLING 22 (C.D.BF.F.G.) Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 R Guest

11-4 Combrain Challenge, 3-1 All The Acos, 7-2 Wes Rhest, 9-2 The Laci Fing. 6-1 Deuter Bay, 7-1 are White.

2.40 WHARFE HANDICAP CHASE

3.15 WALSHFORD MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

. 105: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

1 30-1 SPRING SIALE 38 (6) 0 Sherwood 5-11-11 ... J A McCartley
-12! ELA MATA 25 (0)-60 Mrs. A Switzbank 4-11-10 B Gritton (7)
3 1-31 HIGHECATH 41 (6,6) Mrs. M Reveley 5-11-7 ... P Rivers
4 03-3 TAMC COVER 14 M Tomplers 5-11-2 ... A Dobbin
5 8000 SPRITZER 28 J Fitzgerald 4-11-0 ... W Duran
6 87-5 MERSHARA 26 I Longo 4-10-8 ... M Ficsts
6 87-5 MERSHARA 26 I Longo 4-10-8 ... M Ficsts
7 64-F DONT FORGET CURTIS 35 6 Moore 4-10-7 ... J Cattaghan
1 P ANCHORENA 65 (D.F) D Bonier 4-10-6 ... R Gonz ...
8 46-3 AURITE ALZE 15 J Fizzgerald 6-10-2 ... F Leathy (2)
9 46-3 AURITE STREET 33 (5) M W Exclusiv 4-10-1 8 Harding
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England's sem-final revenge Watch England's Henman take on Germany's Becker in the Compaq Grand Slam, from 1pm on Sky Sports 2. Another live and exclusive event on

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Alan Lee meets an England captain who is earning the respect of his rivals

Hollioake earns A-plus for leadership

wisdom that England cricket captains must heed timehonoured conventions of dress, decorum and restraint, then prepare to disapprove of Adam Hollioake. If, however, there is thought to be merit in being combative, direct and unpretentious, and in winning matches with a strikingly united team, then the captain of England A is a man to be observed with admiration.

He was not at his best vesterday morning. His players had marked their latest victory with some research into Sydney's nightlife and the captain was to the fore. He appeared late, with telltale eyes and instant apologies, wearing a back-to-front baseball cap on his head. It is fair to conclude that Gubby Allen, Peter May and other departed paragons would have shuddered at the sight.

Yet if Hollioake was hungover, he showed no further sign of it, proceeding to speak with fluency and candour about the tour, his team and himself. As he once acquired something of a reputation for self-importance, it is worth saying that he gave the subjects in that order of

Had he but known it, a compliment had just been paid by Peter Such. At 32, with eight Tests, three counties and two previous A tours to his name. Such is half a generation ahead of most of this party. "The reason we have done well," he said, "is that everyone here works for the unit rather than for themselves. That isn't always the case on tour." Which reflected due credit on the captain.

He has created a team in his own image, which is to say noisy. gregarious, ambitious and aggressive. Some of these words are frowned upon within English cricket, but those inclined to do so should weigh the evidence of this A team's success and spirit. It has, perhaps, competed in an Australian way, but is that not what we have been seeking all these years?

"On the first few bus rides I thought we had a really quiet bunch," Hollioake said. "A few of them have not been given enough chance to express themselves at their counties and I have just encouraged them to be themselves. I open myself up a lot to the guys so they know what I am thinking, and they respond to that."

They have, indeed, become irreverent enough to play a few pranks on Mike Gatting, their revered coach. His shorts found their way up a flagpole years. An example of that is we are considering their options.



Hollioake, whose captaincy has inspired England A, waits to bat during a net session in Adelaide. Photograph: Shaun Botterill (Allsport)

Hollioake was once noted

for his temper and he does not

in Canberra and his training shoes were glued to the dressing room floor. Gatting enenjoyed the tour. "He tells me it's been easy, that he has just sat on his backside," Hollioake said, "but he has. given me my head, which can't have been easy for him, while always being there with

"I've kept telling my boys to press the G-button, to gamble, to experiment. I tell them that, if it doesn't work, it's on my head. I have never had aspirations to captaincy, so I will try anything because I don't mind losing my job." There is a strong sense, though, that he has begun to savour it.

"The good thing about my inexperience is that I came here without any preconceived ideas of what should happen on tour," he said, "I have been able to look at something and say that it's wrong, that we'll do it differently, without knowing if it's been done on every tour for the past 50

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Bell's Scottish Lasgue Premier division

won't practice just for the sake

Another example is a relaxed attitude to social hours. "Players generally do what is best for them and sometimes you need an outlet," he said. After the third day in Adelaide, our worst of the tour, I felt I needed to go out and have a few drinks. The other lads all came, too, so we stuck together, talked it out as a team, then

claim to have fully mellowed. 'i can be a volatile character, he said. "I used to go wild when I got out, but, after I had broken a few helmets and bats, I thought, 'What's the point? Sometimes I lose it. even now, but I don't get upset with my own players unless I think they aren't trying." The opposition is a different

easily if they have a go at me on the field," he said. "I know I have to be careful as captain and that I must set an example, but it is in my nature to be competitive. It's happened a

couple of times on tour."
This, some would say, is the Australian coming out in Hollioake, for he was born, 25 years ago, in the Victorian country town of Ballarat. It prepared him well for his

Somerset place Lee on stand-by

SHANE LEE, the Australian all-rounder, could return to play for Somerset next season because of problems over the availability of Mushtaq Ahmed, the Pakistan leg spinner, who had agreed a new threeyear contract with the club. The willingness of the Paki-

stan Cricket Board to compete in an international tournament in Shariah, and other events, during the English season means that Somerset Peter Bowler, the new cap-tain, has been in touch with Lee, who scored more than 1,300 runs for the county in 1996, when Mushtaq was touring England with Pak-

There is a definite possibility that I will be back at Somerset next year," Lee said. David Boon, who will captain Durham next season, hit the sixtieth first-class century of his career yesterday to help to take Tasmania to 352 for

three on the opening day of their Sheffield Shield match against Victoria in Hobart. Yorkshire have confirmed their intention to give memmove from Headingley to a new site at Wakefield, although the club revealed, in a reply to the Action Group questioning the move, that 70 per cent of members who have written to the club are

supportive of the switch to

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE Arthur Duam Cup: Etonians v Chigwellians; Lancing v West-naristers Premier division; Wideans v Reptonans.

new headquarters.

began to win, we turned in against them on the field telling some of their sides they weren't so hot. They didn't like it at the time, but I get the impression they have come to respect us." The nationality issue, as it affects Hollioake, White and

all wanted to knock us. to

laugh at us," he said. "I knew

that would happen. Once we

Jason Gallian, is raised regularly here. "It's monsense, but it doesn't worry me." Hollioake said. "I take it as a compliment that they want to claim me, but Craig and Jason get really upset about it. All that annoys me is when it gets more publicity than the team

Hollicake is rightly proud of tour record that read six wins, one dominant draw and only one defeat going into the penultimate match today. "I like to get them fired up for every single game. he said, "but I'm running out of things to say now." This was the one thing about him that I found Man of the match G S Blewett.
Umpires' P Perker and S G Randell. difficult to believe.

Lara fails again as **Australia** canter to victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF.

BRIAN LARA, disciplined for misconduct on Wednesday. was again in poor form yester-day as Australia beat West indies by five wickets before a crowd of 42,442 in the opening World Series one day international in Melbourne.

Lara fell to Tom Moody for five as West Indies were bowled out for 172, Australia overhauling that total with eight balls to spare to end a sequence of six successive one day defeats. Greg Blewett made an un-beaten 57 from 90 balls to steer

Australia home, adding 70 from 85 balls in a fifth-wicket partnership with Stuart Law. Lara looked completely out of touch during his brief stay, which ended when he chipped a simple catch to Shane Warne at mid-wicket. Clive Lloyd, the West Indies manager, has apologised for Lara's behav-iour on Tuesday, when he told Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, that Ian Healy was unwelcome in the visitors' dressing room.

The crowd were in an unforgiving mood, however, jeering Lara as he walked to the middle. It was left to Shivnarine Chanderpaul, another left-hander, to hold the innings together. He made a gritty 54 despite the handicap of a groin injury, which forced him to use a runner for most of his innings.

Pakistan who arrive in Australia later this month, are

the World Series tournament.
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BOWLING: Ambrose 10-3-19-0; Walsh 9-0-

Pakistan openers construct platform for success

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAKISTAN, put firmly in control by an opening part-Anwar (91) and Zahoor Elahi (86), beat New Zealand by 46 runs in the second one-day international, in Sialkot yesterday, to clinch the series. They lead 2-0 with the final maich to come in Karachi

During the New Zealand innings, play was suspended for ten minutes after the Pakistan players walked off the field in protest over the behaviour of a section of the 20,000 crowd who were throwing bottles onto the

The suspension visibly displeased Lee Germon, the New Zealand captain, because it came at a stage when Stephen Fleming was making a bold attempt to get his side up with the required run rate.

Pakistan piled up 277 for nine in their allotted 47 overs. ljaz Ahmed delighting his home crowd with a daring 59, while New Zealand were dismissed for 231, despite Fleming's brave innings of 85, which included ten fours. A third-wicket partnership of 118 between Fleming and Parore, who made 37, rallied New Zealand after the first two wickets had fallen for seven runs.

Once Fleming was out, with the score at 146, the Pakistan bowlers always had the upper

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COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Amithope Welfare v North Fembr. Amold v Pictering; Belger Town v Smelfact; Bing Town v Deraby; Hallam v Cssett Albion; Meltity MW v Gasshoughton Welfare; Ossett Town v Invascade; Pontetract Cots v Thackdey; Ashibeld v Halfield Main, Selby v Huckmall.

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BASKETBALL: HIS AIRNESS STILL RULES THE HOOPS AS HIS STAR FADES AT BOX OFFICE

Jordan's enterprise rockets on

Oliver Holt, in Milwaukee, encounters

a basketball legend on top of his game

The defeat that Michael Jordan had been fearing was dignified when it came. There was comfort in the fact that the leading position, that he had occupied for so long, had been ceded to a worthy and popular rival. It was there in black and white, anyway: Space Jam, the film in which he co-stars alongside Bugs Bunny, has fallen behind First Contact, the new Star Trek film, at the top of the

American box office charts. Space Jam, of course, has been slated by the critics for the commercial tosh it undoubtedly is, but the film, which will push Jordan's earnings next year to more than \$100 million (about £62 million), does have one unwittingly redeeming feature. For followers of the man who has dominated the game of basketball for the past six years and who shows no signs of releasing his grip, there is a delicious irony

in its simple plot. 'I need to involves aliens, naturally, prove I coming to earth to steal the powers of can still leading National Basketball Associplay at ation (NBA) play-ers such as Charles Barkley, this level'

Patrick Ewing and Larry Johnson. Jordan is enlisted by the Loony Tunes to win them back and restore them to their owners. There are no prizes for guessing if he

The irony? Well, as Jordan lounged on a treatment couch in the Chicago Bulls lockerroom before his team's game against Milwaukee Bucks here on Tuesday night and talked about how he is better now than he ever was, how his game has changed and his skills have "expanded", it became startlingly obvious: Michael Jordan's stellar basketball career has never encompassed helping rivals to look good; it has been about

making them look ordinary. Jordan scored 40 points against the Bucks without having a particularly good ame. Unusually for him the missed several attempts to sink his new favourite move. the turnaround jump shot,

leaps and turns in the air and loops the ball into the basket. He still sank enough of them to score more than twice the points of any team-mate.

"My game is not as predictable as it used to be before I went off to play baseball," he said. "It has moved away from slam-dunking eye-opening moves to more basic things like the turnaround jump shot.
I like that That shows the versatility of my skills.

"I use more rationale than I used to now, too. Why should I do something spectacular like take off from the free-throw line when I could just make a jump shot?

"A few years ago, people were criticising me and saying all I wanted to do was drive and dunk, but now that is what they want me to do. When I look at old videos, I see things I haven't done in a while. You can't say I can't do them, it's just because I haven't

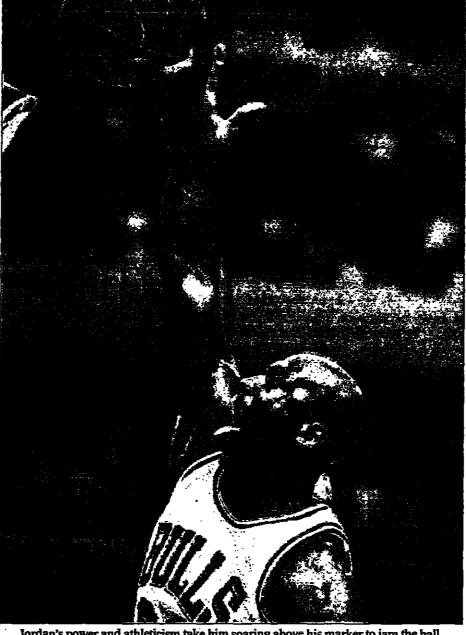
"I have found other ways to be learnt that by like Larry Bird and Magic John-son. They found new ways to challenge themselves

separates good players from the great players."
With the season almost a quarter of the way through its punishing schedule, the Bulls. led by Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman, have already established themselves as the clear favourites to win the NBA championship in May with a record of 17 wins

and change. That is what

and one defeat Jordan, who has already been the league's too scorer in eight previous years, is out in front again, averaging more than 30 points a game, four more than anyyears, he dropped to second behind Mike Tyson — in the

list of top-earning sportsmen published by Forbes magazine. The consolation was that he still earned a one million salary from the Bulls. the highest in league history. brought in another \$22.6 million from endorsements, and



Jordan's power and athleticism take him soaring above his marker to jam the ball

year when the profits from Space Jam start to roll in.

That, though, presumes "His Airness" will still be playing next year. As he sat in the locker-room, still dressed in his yellow polo shirt and slacks half an hour before the game, he was the picture of laconic contentment and selfabout the future, ready to embrace whatever it brings.

"I have no plans after the end of the season," he said. "Next year I will sign another

one-year deal if they want to sign me, if the team continues the progress it has been making. If they decide they want to rebuild, bring in some younger players, there's a strong ibility I won't be around. If the Bulls don't sign me, I direction. won't be going anywhere else. I would not put my family

through another move. "I'm happy with my game, happy in the role of team leader. The motivation is still there. It is always an attitude to prove my game, my skills, consistent skills. I need to prove that I can still play at this level and put up the same numbers against younger, better, more athletic talent. There is not that much longer before I have to choose another

Then, as he stood up to walk over to where his strip hung on its peg, someone asked him if he could reasonably expect another \$30 million contract next season. "Why not?", he said. "Why would I expect anything less?"

Ref blows whistle on curse of parent power

THIS week this column rings with sport and its natural laughter of little children. Or as Alan Pemberton, a 57-yearold referee, said: "I'll never be doing children's matches again. I'll stick with the adults. They're a lot safer."

Pemberton had been punched, kicked and belaboured with the corner flags in the course of an encounter between Farsley Celtic Under-17s and Ossett Town Juniors in the Leeds and District Minor League last Sunday.

The assault began after he called off the match, when poised intriguingly at 2-2. The reason for the abandonment was the ceaseless abuse that Pemberton received from the touchline (when this column is made president of world sport the first thing I will do is ban all parents from watching sport involving their progeny).

At this Pembertonian ukase, as many as eight Farsley players allegedly set about the poor ref. The police at Pudsey are on the case: meanwhile Farsley have been suspended from the league while inquiries continue.

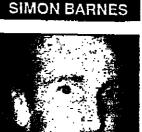
☐ Meanwhile, Diego's illegit-imate child, fruit of the illicit liaison between himself and Cristina Sinagra, is ready to make his first official appear-ance as a footballer. He plays for Accademia against Nola in a Christmas tournament.

Name game

Perhaps this is not such a good omen for Diego Jr. An Italian non-league club has been banned from playing home games after an incident in which fans attacked linesmen and ref in a 30-strong pitch invasion in a match against Virtus-La Catsellana. The club, based at the eponymous town near Perugia, is called

Nanny state

Who said this? I. My career's been like the migrating woodcock. You've got all the shooters and storms trying to whack you down, but, in the end, you just want to get to new fields. 2. Football is a fertility festival. Eleven sperm trying to get into the egg. (fe sorry for the goalkeeper. 3. Q One wish? A. Apart from world peace, a long injury-free career. 4. I tell my players they've made a happy man



On Saturday

very old. 5. Not only do the South Koreans names sound the same, but they all look similar, don't they?

All these from the latest edition The Umbro Book of Football Quotations, an essential work whose previous offerings have entered the lore and language of the game, by Peter Ball and Phil Shaw, published by Ebury Press price £9.99. Answers below.

Roast Chestnut

Another childish story. Chestnut Ridge High School is based in New Paris, Pennsylvania, and, though it may not rival the old Paris in every respect, they, appropriately, took on a French exchange student, Greg Giraud.

Giraud was injured by a fall from a five-storey building when he was three, but, being a garcon not without courage, he can play football - sah-kerr, not gridiron — on his crutches; but, after his first appearance for the Pennsylvanian Parisians, the state's Interscholastic Athletic



Association threw him out because the crutches were 'iliegal equipment and a danger to other players". Giraud, showing the sort of maturity: that is seidom found among adults in sport, said: "i was very upset at the beginning, but it's just a game."

Rich seam

The exhibition entitled Work Hard, Play Hard, which cele-brates the links between mining and sport, has attracted a good deal of notice since it opened at the National Coalmining Museum for Eng-land at Caphouse Colliery. Overton, Wakefield.

One of the splendid nuggets unearthed by the operation is-the fee Matt Busby paid to take Tommy Taylor, a Barnsley inside forward and former pitman, to Manchester United. Taylor, who was killed in the Munich air crash, was bought for £29,999. This is an odd sum, the sort

of money publishers will no doubt be charging for books in about 18 months, but the publisher's fear of the terminal nought has never been part of footballing tradition. Now it can be told: the extra pound went to the Barnsley tea-lady. Busby, although aware that he was paying a world record sum, said that he was reluctant to saddle Taylor with the pressures of being the first £30,000;

Number crunch

And meanwhile, the search for sport's magic numbers is hotting up. As ever, a bottle of Nicolas Feuilatte champagne.i. will go to every reader who, produces a number filled with sporting beauty, from this year, or from deep in the annals of time.

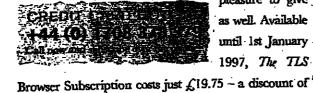
Results to be published around Christmas. Examples. Two: the number of penalties. Stuart Pearce has successfully dispatched in England penalty shoot-outs. And 492: the number of balls Michael Atherton faced in that innings.

Answers to quotations: 1... Vinnie Jones. 2. Bjork, Icelandic pop singer. 3. Gareth. Southeate, in a auestionnaire 4 Jimmy. Nicholl, then manager of Raith Rovers, 5. Alan Parry, ITV commentator, during the

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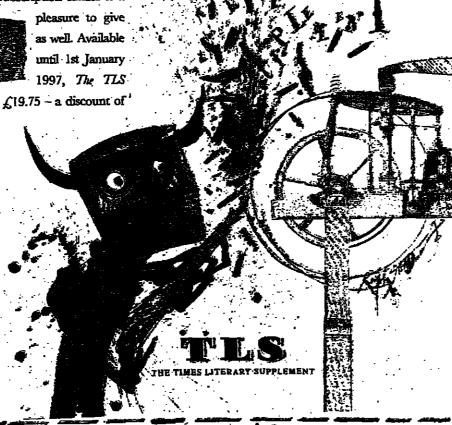
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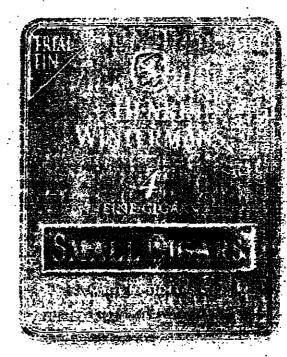
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SMOKING CAUSES HEART DISEASE Chief Medical Officers' Warning

Rebel forces unite for Barbarians to face Australians

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

FIVE Newcastle players join Twickenham today, a coincidence that will have escaped few at the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) headquarters given the flag of defiance being flown in the North East this weekend. However many of the first and second division clubs choose to sign an accord with the RFU next week. it seems unlikely that Newcastle will be one of them.

The quintet, four of whom will start for the Barbarians while Doddie Weir is among the replacements, include Rob Andrew, in what may prove the last appearance at Twickenham of an illustrious career unless Newcastle achieve great things in the Pilkington Cup or Europe while he is still active. Andrew also represents the kind of long-term investment that will ensure that Newcastle's owners do not turn their back on rugby

Representatives Newcastle and Bedford have already voiced their disapproval of the peace agreement that English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) proposes with the RFU, though, if

BARBARIANS

T Stimpson (Newcastle)

A Bateman (Richmond)

R Andrew (Newcastle)

N Hewitt (Southland)

D Gartorth (Leicester)

D Mctritosh (Pontypridd)

C Quinnell (Richmond)

Jones (North Harbour)

S Quinnell (Richmond)

(Northampton), 17 J Stransky (West-em Province), 18 A Moore (Rich-

N Back (Leicester)

G Townsend (Northampton)

T Underwood (Newcastle)

N Walker (Cardiff)

any salient change is made over the next few days, their views could yet be amended. If they choose not to sign, however, it does not mean that they will not continue in domestic competition - only that they will receive no financial consideration from the

Sir John Hall, the Newcastle owner, is unlikely. however, to turn his back on the £2 million that has already been ploughed into the dub. "There is no way we will walk away from the rugby club," Freddie Shepherd, a director of Newcastle United and one ing with recent rugby negotia-tions, said yesterday. "We are not quitters and never will be."

Newcastie will continue to contemplate action against the RFU in the European courts over broadcasting and players' rights, with Bedford alongside them. "We have tried to persuade them that all the clubs should stick together and we are very sorry to say they are not still with us." Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, who seeks final agreement by next week, said.

Meanwhile, there is a game

AUSTRALIA XV

D Herbert (Queensland)

T Horan (Queensland)

D Campese (NSW)

S Payne (NSW)

M Caputo (ACT)

A Blades (NSW)

O Finegan (ACT)

D Giffin (ACT)

T Gevin (NSW)

D Wilson (Queer

European tour and victors over Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, will endeavour to show against the Barbarians the style that has been largely absent from their tour. They would love to do so for their own sake and not just to give David Campese one last northern-hemisphere showcase for his unique talents. However, there is a singu larly hard-nosed Barbarian

to be played in which the

Australians, unbeaten on their

line-up facing them, the thread running back from Andrew via Norm Hewitt and Ian Jones, the two New Zealanders in the pack, to a back row that includes Scott Quinnell and Dale McIntosh. It is these two who are of particular interest to the Wales selectors, who have postponed the announcement of their team to play South Africa until Monday.

McIntosh, the uncapped Pontypridd player, is of New Zealand stock but became eligible this month to play for Wales; the older Quinnell remains at odds with the Welsh Rugby Union over contractual arrangements, but there is optimism that the deadlock can be broken. "We need a more physical back row and I think there are players who may become available." Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, hinted after the defeat by Australia. He will also be keenly interested in the performance of Allan Bateman in the Barbarian midfield. Bateman, capped four times

from Neath in 1990 before going to rugby league, returned from Cronulla to join Richmond this season and could form, with Scott Gibbs and Jonathan Davies, a Welsh midfield, all of whom have distinguished themselves in the other code. With Tony Underwood seeking a restoration on the England wing, the eighth meeting between the invitation club and the Australians will keep national selectors as well as a 70,000 crowd



Andrew practises his kicking yesterday before making what could be his last appearance at Twickenham today for the Barbarians

New-look France eager to eradicate bad memories

By DAVID HANDS

themselves not so much of

memories from 1995, but those

South Africa won 22-12.

Bordeaux last week when

Only four of the team this

afternoon played in Durban, including Olivier Merle, the

lock recalled after injury to

strengthen a pack that was

well beaten in Bordeaux; but

only the French, in the contin-

ued absence of five injured

senior players - Saint-André,

Castaignède, Ntamack.

Penaud and Roumat -- could

cast out another eight players

in a magnificent gesture dur-

ing the space of a week and

because so many inexperi-

enced players were called up

at short notice and they

seemed to be overawed." Jean-

Claude Skrela, the France

coach, said, "but we showed in

the second half we could test

them. If we can cut out the

handling mistakes and choose

the right options, we can

Guy Accoceberry has been

restored at scrum half and will

hope to develop his team's

back play, but that may de-

pend upon the speed with which he establishes a rela-

tionship with Christophe

Lamaison at half back.

Lamaison has played centre to

The first test was difficult

start all over again.

CIRCUMSTANCES have all his decisions were greeted combined to offer France a with glee by France, but now a rallying call when they attempt today to level the twomatch series with South Africa at the Parc des Princes: the weather has been foul and the referee is Derek Bevan, which recalls the World Cup semifinal played in Durban last year when France lost in a mud splash to the host nation, South Africa.

Bevan, the Welsh official, under considerable pressure from the tournament organisers to play the game despite his nerve admirably in a match which the South Africans won by four points. Not

half's role, as well as shouldering the goal-kicking ahead of Richard Dourthe. new management and a new team must attempt to rid

It will be Lamaison's second cap, but he will hope to use the creative running of Stephan Glas and give Laurent Leflamand, the one new cap, some opportunities on the wing. Leflamand, a six-footer. toured New Zealand with France in 1994.

South Africa are unchanged for the fourth successive game. Gary Teichmann's emergence as a captain and player of genuine quality in the two victories over Argentina and last week has helped his countrymen to forget the travails against New Zealand and Australia last summer and the furore that accompanied the selection of this tour

Defeats for the midweek team by the French Barbarians and French Universities have not impinged upon the determination of the "first XV" to conclude the year in triumph by winning today and against Wales next Sunday. FRANCE: J.L. Sadoumy (Colomers); Laftamand (Bourgoin), R Dourthe (Dax).

of rugby should be clear to all of us by now. It may well be the case that the southern hemisphere countries occupy first division status and that England and France can claim to be their partners. Even within this

category, however, the All Blacks are way ahead of the pack. Perhaps they can be said to be the sole occupants of a premier division. We shall soon see whether South Africa are worthy of joining

Greg Smith, the Australia coach, said, after their victory over Wales last Sunday, that the gap is closing between his team and their neighbours across the Tasman Sea, but, in reality, they have quite a distance to travel to match the All Blacks.

Australia rely too much on strength in the forwards and no longer have the faith to pursue the kind of total rugby that they once displayed with alacrity and that brought them their rewards on the grand slam tour of 1984 and at the 1991 World Cup.

Strange to say, for so unshrinking a sporting nation, they are not confident with a style that had been part of their rugby since the days of Catchpole and Hawthorn in the Sixties.

For all their territorial advantage last weekend and a superior lineout score of 21-9, there was hardly a sign of in midfield and

nothing of Roff and Campese on the wings. The vi-sion of Burke, at full back, was seen almost by acci-dent. It is doubtful if the All Blacks

would have allowed such authority to prevail without insuring the attendant level of scores. They would have driven the point home mercilessly.

This summer, the All Blacks swept aside all that was placed before them. Not having played since their suc-cessful series in South Africa, a representative team from New Zealand, the Barbarians, could still come to Twickenham and win. Pride in their performance and respect not sentimental attachment for their forefathers' tradition are wonderfully motivating

Furthermore, professionalism has in New Zealand, meant the pursuit of excellence, not money. This comment would be dismissed as sententious claptrap if uttered by anyone other than John Hart, the New Zealand enach, who cares little for irony. The proof is there, on the field, for everybody to see. The value of the silver fern, therefore, and all that it stands for, remains greater than anything that an accountant may care to assess. They would have it no other

Australia have a powerful team, as do England. They both look well drilled and have listened to their advisers; as have, no doubt, New Zealand. In all those matters where they can be measured - strength, fitness, diet and so

Why New Zealand have left the rest of the world behind

That New Zealand in-**GERALD DAVIES** habit a different sphere

on - they have been made look the part.

Speed can be measured ingredient that Hart spoke about last week. It was, he felt, the essential difference between his team and England. On the rugby field, speed is not absolute in the way that it is on the track. Changes of direction, angles of running. the swiftness and accuracy of somebody else's pass can all make the opposition appear slower than they actually are. This kind of speed creates as much for New Zealand as speed of thought. In addition, their basic skills are almost

It is in these skills that New Zealand have moved so much farther than the rest. Whether

the sun shines or All- Blacks react. The proof From one generais there, tion to the next. rugby's verities on the are handed down not through acafield'

analysis but, more influentially. word of mouth from men who have travelled the road before them. It is in the blood. While other things can be measured.

these cannot It is also noticeable that New Zealand never give the impression of entering periods of transition in the way that other teams do. Certainly it is never offered as an explanation as to why they

may be faltering. They vacillated during the World Cup in 1991, which signalled the end, finally, of Wayne Shelford's influential team of the late Eighties. In Sean Fitzpatrick there emerged, seamlessly, another remarkable captain to continue the lineage. If there was some self-questioning before the last World Cup, it largely centred on the need to change the style of play, and from it

emerged another great team. The All Blacks stumble, but for no more than a season. They are soon back on track. They can introduce players such as Carlos Spencer and Joeli Vidiri, as they did last Saturday, without upsetting

the team's equilibrium. All this makes a mockery of those who concluded, more than a year ago, that, on the basis of their performances in the World Cup in South Africa, New Zealand were a one-man team: Jonah Lomu. On such slack observation do

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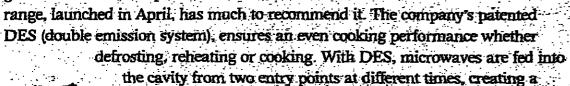
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Penaud during Brive's suc-cessful Heineken Cup run, but is familiar with the stand-off Bath eyes drawn to centre spread

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE Mendez and Dan Lyle in the

AMID the madcap schedule of international, European and cup commitments, Bath will reacquaint themselves, after five weeks, with Courage Clubs Championship business and the prospect, at the Recreation Ground today, that Harlequins could seriously damage their hopes of a seventh league title in nine

Bath have not lost to Harlequins in 12 league meetings over nine years. This, and the knowledge that only victory will do, are the incentives for an encounter that has implications beyond domestic jostling for position. "It's a huge game for us; if we lose this one that will probably be it as far as the league is concerned." Phil de Gianville, the Bath and England captain, said.

With a week until England meet Argentina, the confrontation at centre unites the eternal triangle of Jeremy Guscott, de Glanville's Bath partner, and opposite him Will Carling, the present England centre outside de Glanville. As the sideshow, Carling v Guscott -England centres a record 43 times together - will interest more than the selectors.

Although a contest of flair and adventure on one level. more traditional strength could prevail. Up front Bath were susceptible to Leicester, Northampton and Cardiff in the Heineken Cup, and they give league debuts to Federico

Jason Robinson has month left at Bath before he returns to Wigan and rugby league. Jon Sleightholme's omission from the right flank, in order to extract the maxi-mum from Robinson's shortterm investment, is hardly a

vote of confidence in him. Unlike Robinson, Va aiga Tuigamala is not expected back at Wigan until the Super League starts in March Tuigamala, the dual international centre, is deemed too important to release so soon by Wasps, who will take over the first division leadership should Harlequins lose and they overcome a depressed

Orrell this week issued a plaintiff appeal for sponsors. After the loss of 17 players, the arrival of Richard Higgs, a back-row forward from New Zealand, has reversed one trend, but Orrell, the bottom club, need desperately to change another by getting off the mark at home to West Hartlepool.

Northampton will be confronted tomorrow by an expected 16,000 capacity crowd Welford Road and a Leicester side that has lost to them only once there in 20 matches. Gregor Townsend. 24 hours after representing the Barbarians, is at stand-off half for Northampton, with Paul: Grayson moved to full back.

Kummu's reprieve - fortifies **Eagles**

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE latest in a succession of inexplicable disciplinary decisions by the Superleague has a strong bearing on the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Shef-field tonight. Ryan Kummu, of Ayr Scottish Eagles, is serving a six-game suspension that should have kept him out of the final against Not-tingham Panthers, but it has been decided that the suspension should apply only to Superleague fixtures and this leaves him free to take his place in the Ayr side.

Having lost only one of their past seven games while the Panthers have lost all of their past six, the Eagles were already favourites and this strengthens their claims. They also welcome back Alan Schuler, another defenceman, who has not played since he was helped off the ice with concussion during the semi-final at

Basingstoke in October. The Panthers have had a number of injury prob-lems, notably the broken hand suffered by Paul Adey while helping Great Britain to beat Slovenia in an Olympic qualifying game last month. However, he is fit to return. Mike Blaisdell, the Nottingham coach, is most adept at utilising his forces for a one-off occasion such as tonight, but probably he does not have sufficient resources to overcome the strength in depth of the

Ayr squad. In Jiri Lala, their former Czech international, the Eagles have one of the most skilful players that the game has known. while, in Scott Young, they have one of the most versatile defencemen playing in Britain.

Garth Premak is equally reliable on the Nottingham blue line while Derek Laxdal, their former National Hockey League forgoalscoring form of late.

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TENNIS

Ivanisevic's power is key to quest for glory

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN MUNICH

time is money. So far, Goran Ivanisevic is wasting little of either. Yesterday he blasted his way into the semi-finals with a 6-4, 6-4 pasting of Mark Woodforde, serving his 1,500th ace of the year and taking his overall total to 1,511 - a new record.

The match took 68 minutes and left Woodforde speechless. In the end he resorted to drilling the ball directly at Ivanisevic, but even that had no effect. "It was the only way I was going to win the match, trying to injure him," he said with a grin, "but it didn't work. He just shrugged it off and served another ace."

Ivanisevic had a word of advice for Woodforde about that. "He thinks he's going to hit me and I get nervous and hit a couple of double faults." he said. "He made a mistake. I get more angry and I hit ace,

ace and ace." Woodforde's strategy against the biggest service in the game was simple — "Just to try to get the ball back over the net and make him volley." Unfortunately for Woodforde, there was little chance of that. Ivanisevic broke Woodforde's service early in the first set and never looked back, rounding off the set with another ace. He broke Woodforde again at the

AT THE Grand Slam Cup, start of the second and consolidated the lead with another

three aces to go 2-0 up. Apart from a slight lapse and a double fault to allow Woodforde to level the scores at 4-4, it was all plain sailing for Ivanisevic as he broke back immediately and served out for the match with two more aces and a service winner. He was less than happy with the rest of his game — with volleys either hitting the back stop or failing to limp over the net but his goal for the year had long since been achieved. That was it, to serve more than 1,500 aces, now it's going to be very tough to break this record, even for me I think," he said. For the record, the

If aces come naturally to Ivanisevic, however, performing well on the very biggest stages still escapes him. So far he has reached two Wimbledon finals, but has never gone any further. "Next year I would like to serve one ace and win a grand slam," he said. "It's mice to serve aces, but I don't care. If I'm playing well, I don't need to serve so many."

1,500th ace was belted down at

30-30 in the eighth game.

Woodforde rather wishes that had been Ivanisevic's policy yesterday. It is not as if he does not know how to



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Ivanisevic makes a backhand return during his victory against Woodforde yesterday

handle the best serve-and-volley players. With four Wimbledon doubles titles to his name and the Olympic doubles gold medal in his trophy cabinet, his game is up to it, but there comes a point when he is defenceless against such sheer power. "A guy like me would love to go back to playing with wooden rackets," Woodforde said.

"I feel like maybe I would be a better player and maybe a guy like Goran would not be such a threat, but it ain't to be. I feel like, if I can get the ball back enough and make him play a bit, I am the better player. It may not make a lot of sense, but a lot of guys feel that way: but I have a lot of respect for that serve."

The power may demand

respect, but the Ivanisevic hairstyle leaves a lot to be desired. The top-knot is here to stay, though. "I lost only one match since I put my hair like this," he said. "Old people are not so happy with it, but it's hard to please old people." Today he will face Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who made a slow

March 9.

SCHEDULE: March 9 — Australia (Melbourne): March 30 — Brazil (São Paulo); April 13 — Argentina (Buenos Aires); April 27 — San Marino (Imota): May 11 — Monaco (Monaco): May 25 — Spain (Barcelona); June 15 — Canader (Monical); June 15 — Franca (Magny-Cours); July 13 — Britain (Silverstone), July 27 — Germeny (Hockenhern); August 10 — Hungary (Budapest), August 24 — Belgium (Spa); September 21 — Austria (Zeitweg), September 28 — Europe (Nurbungmig); Cotober 12 — Japan (Suzuka), October 25 — Portugal (Estorit) start before finally beating Jim Courier 2-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Power pays

Golf: The long-hitting pairing of John Daly and Laura Davies combined for a 63. eight under par, to share the lead after the first round of the J. C. Penney Classic in Florida. They were were tied with Donna Andrews and Mike Hulbert, and Jesper Parnevik and Annika Sorenstam.

Eagles clipped

American football: Indianapolis Colts, ravaged by injuries all season, lost another quarterback when Paul Justin Philadelphia Eagles, but still won comfortably, 37-10.

ATHLETICS

IN BRIEF

Kingston

retires

from senior

service

TERRY KINGSTON, the

former Ireland hooker and

captain, yesterday announced

his retirement from represen-

tative rugby union, his ap-

pearance for Munster against

Australia last week marking his final match at that level.

Having gathered 29 caps, he is Ireland's second most

capped hooker, after Ken

World Cup campaigns, cap-taining Ireland in South Afri-

ca last year. He played his last

international match against

France in Paris last season. A

highlight of his career came

in 1992, when he led Munster

to victory over the Austra-

Austria on grid

Motor racing: A 17-race 1997 Formula One world champ-

ionship schedule, which in-

cludes an Austrian Grand

Prix for the first time since

1987, was approved by the International Automobile

Federation yesterday. The

season will begin, as usual,

with the Australian Grand

Prix, in Melbourne, on

March 9.

Kingston played in all three

Kennedy.

Backley to get more help from his coach

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN TROWER could write a book called How To Coach an Olympic Medal Winner in Your Lunch Break. Thanks to a new scheme, which will free him to give Steve Backley, the javelin thrower, coaching when he needs it, rather than when Trower can get the time off, he hopes the book might be: How To Coach an Olym-

pic Champion.

Backley's results hardly suggest that he has been at a disadvantage — he has been Great Britain's most consistently successful championship athlete over the past five years — but he believes that he has been competing on unequal terms. Jan Zelezny, who forced Backley to settle for silver at the 1995 world championships and 1996 Olympic Games, has Jan Pospisil, his coach, available whenever he

needs him. Now Trower is swapping his suit for a tracksuit, leaving his job in corporate affairs to coach full time in a project funded by a £33,000 grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and supported by his employer, the Telford

Trust.

"John has been a major part of my career and the more time I spend with him the better," Backley said, recalling how, last summer, on a tight schedule for the Olympics after an Achilles tendon opera-tion in April, he could not

readily call on Trower. "Four weeks after surgery I would drive three hours to Telford to see him in his lunch hour or after work," Backley said. This scheme is not a luxury, it is a necessity."

An immediate beneficiary will be David Parker, who, at 16 last summer, threw 11 metres further than Backley with a 700-gram javelin. Parker lives in Scarborough and Trower, instead of seeing him once a month, will coach him probably once a week.

"David is a huge talent and, if driven and directed properly, he could be an Olympic champion, but not the next one," Backley said. With hand, Backley has earmarked the gold for himself at Sydney.

SAILING: SAVE THE CHILDREN HEADS GLOBAL CHALLENGE FLEET EN ROUTE TO NEW ZEALAND

Crews make heavy weather of Southern Ocean

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since the race began. the usual upbeat reports from the BT

Global Challenge crews are showing signs of change, as the reality of the hard slog through the Southern Ocean as to bit home. On 3Com, which was ploughing

position yesterday, the crew described helmspersons for the best distance themselves as "looking and feeling travelled in 20 minutes at the wheel." grim", with 4,507 miles still to sail to New Zealand.

On Commercial Union, which improved two places yesterday to eighth and is the first yacht to mount a permanent lookout for lumps of ice in the water, the crew reported: "As the along at about seven knots in seventh alleviated with competitions between matter of wedging yourself in wherev-

Reports from Simon Walker's Toshiba Wave Warrior, at the back of

the leading bunch in sixth, provided a vivid description of life at a permanent 30-degree angle close to the bottom of the world — The sea is icy and the wind eases, the monotony has been Survival and comfort below decks is a

er possible and continuously bracing yourself as the boat falls off wave after wave, crashing down with a thud."

The race leader is still Andy Hindley.

on Save The Children, who is about 175 miles west of the backmarker, Courtaulds International: Hindley has chosen one of the most northerly courses in the fleet. The mo boat is Concert, under Chris Tibbs, which is in fifth place.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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DEMPASAR, Balt. World Curr. Singler. Merr. Dong Jiong (Chres) bt O Esse Hock (Mainysain 15-7. 71-14; 1 Suer-Lauridsen (Den) bt 1 Wijeya (Inde) 15-8. 15-17; R Sclek (Mainysai) bt H Susamto (Indo) 15-18. 15-10. 15-13; Sm. Jun (Chres) bt S Neidsen (Den) 15-18. 15-27. Ind. (Chres) bt S Neidsen (Den) 15-18. 15-27. Ind. (Chres) bt S Return (Indo) 15-11. 15-13; F Permant (Paiwart) bt Chris Gang (Chres) 15-6. 15-4. Chen bt M L Hamsen (Den) 15-6. 15-4. Chen bt M L Hamsen (Den) 15-6. Wijeya bt Esse Hock 5-15, 15-4. 15-4. Sun bt Sider 15-12, 17-4. Susamb bt Neidsen 15-7, 15-2. Budi Kusuma bt Hoyer-Larsen 15-7. 15-6. Sentono bt Hu 15-6. 15-5. Women: Gong Zhicheo (Chris) bt C Gendrup (Swe) 11-4, 11-2, 12-0 (Inla) bt C Gendrup (Swe) 11-4, 11-2, 12-10; Martin bt Wang (Indo) 11-2, 12-10; Ham Jingne (Chriss) bt Zeng 11-2, 6-11, 11-2; Cang bt M Audins bt Medissen 11-6, 12-10; Martin bt Wang Chren (Chris) 11-6, 12-10; Martin bt Wang Chren (Chris) 11-6, 12-10; Martin bt Wang Chren (Chris) 11-6, 12-10; Susamb bt Han 11-5, 11-4. HCNG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Leaders after two recends: 138: R Cuello (Phi) 68, 70, 139: D Waisworth (US) 68, 73; B Crambies (US) 69, 70 140: O Nordberg (Swe) 70, 70; D Edestain (Gen) 71, 69; F Curin (US) 67, 73, 141: G Normist (US) 74, 67; W Schmide (SA) 71, 72; D Brogge (US) 70, 71; T Straub (US) 72, 69, 142: S Hoch (US) 70; 72; W Ingritis (Eng) 72, 70; J Steerteamer (Hol) 71, 71; R Pussel (Sco) 70, 72; C Jones (Mus) 69, 73; C Joon (S Kor) 63, 74; E Puroly (US) 67, 75; C Joon (S Kor) 63, 74; E Puroly (US) 67, 75; PARAPARALIBEZ (BSACH: New Zeeland Open: Leaders after two rounds: 133: M Alson (Aus) 64, 69 135: P Lonard (Aus) 67, 68 136: W Long (NZ) 65, 71, 137: S Tait (Aus) 65, 72; J Ksy (Can) 70, 59, 71, 137: S Tait (Aus) 65, 72; J Ksy (Can) 70, 59, 71, 59; P Sorbit (NZ) 65, 73; P Sorbit (Aus) 71, 68; M Long (NZ) 65, 73; P Sorbit (Aus) 71, 68: M Long (NZ) 71, 68: M Long (NZ) 72, M Long (NZ) 73; M Long (NZ) 74, M Long (NZ) 74, M Long (NZ) 74, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long (NZ) 75, M Long

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RACKETS Browne 15-9, 15-3, 11-15, 15-7; W Boo A Smith-Bingham 15-0, 15-4, 15-1. RUGBY UNION

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(Egypr) bt E Amosh (Gha) 21-11, 21-7,
21-18; A Sobri (Egypr) bt M Roberts (Uga)
bt Y Munghou (Ten) 21-15, 12-21, 12-21,
22-28, 21-8; S Derive (Sink) bt S Ludick (SA)
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MUNICH: Compaq Grand Starn. Cup: Quarter-Streks: 7 Harmén (GB) bt M Washington (US) 7-5, 6-3; G herrison (Cro) bt M Woodbrer (Aus) 6-4, 8-4; Y Ketenhikov (Russ) bt J Courter (US) 2-6, 6-4.

HOCKEY

Tough test ahead for Southgate

By Sydney Friskin

SOUTHGATE, with their sights on the league and cup double, can expect a tough test in the premier division tomorrow when they visit Teddington, a team well-known for their resilience.

After the exciting 4-3 victory over East Grinstead in the fourth round of the Hockey Association Cup last weekend Southgate are fielding the same side, with Woods leading the attack and Attala in support. The attack continues to be inspired by Shaw in his role as playmaker.

Teddington have only a slender chance of winning the league title, but have found fresh impetus in the forward line from McBride. Cannock, who share the

premier division leadership with Southgate, take an unchanged side to Guildford hoping for another show of determination by Crutchley, who has scored 24 goals in 11 matches this season.

Guildford, despite having lost ground, have not yet given up hope and will renew their challenge with Hall leading the front line. He will be supported from behind by Jennings, who has scored 16 goals so far, mainly from short corners. East Grinstead, who lost 4-2 to Cannock last week, are hoping to renew their challenge with an away win against Hounslow.

The league was scheduled to go into its winter recess from tomorrow evening, but a number of matches that were called off a fortnight ago because of bad weather have been rearranged. These include two in the premier division: Cannock will entertain Guildford next Sunday and Southgate will be at home to Teddington on Saturday. A number of first division matches have also been rearranged.

Meanwhile, Beeston, the first division leaders, expect to pick up three more points from an away match against Warrington, and Doncaster, only two points behind, should have little trouble at nome against City of Portsmouth.



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ARSENAL

return of The Bergkamp, fit again, gives Arsenal all sorts of extra options and should see them pick un another three points against Derby. Last Wednesday, against Southampton, he was overshadowed by a rampant Paul Merson, who was dangerous in everything he did. Vieira, Bould and Adams are due suspensions soon and all will be missed. Vicira will have to watch that combative approach. Adams, expelled at Newcastle. seems unlucky.

DERBY COUNTY

Jim Smith has been in management long enough, 24 years to be precise, to know how to savour the good times. The bad inevitably follow, but these days little is going wrong for the "Bald Eagle". Where a month ago his forward line was considered a weakness. Sturridge and Ward are now playing together with the understanding of twin brothers. Derby have won three of their last four matches but could face Arsenal, the leaders, at Highbury today

without Paul McGrath.

ASTON VILLA

In the afterglow of Villa's smooth 2-0 success against West Ham on Wednesday, Brian Little, the manager, was suddenly asked if he would be persisting with his interest in Stan Collymore, Liverpool's rebel without applause. "I never talk about players contracted to other clubs," he replied. "Never have done, never will." Little made it clear he would not be drawn further on the touchy topic but most of the assembled sportshounds took his brief response as a definite "yes". RK

EVERTON

Joe Royle's list of pre-Christmas presents would not have included Nick Barmby going down with influenza, but it solves one problem for the Everton manager — who should be left out to accommodate Duncan Ferguson, Ferguson, having been omitted last week, came on as a substitute and scored, leaving no one in any doubt about his feelings. Tony Grant, who was on crutches until midweek after running into Paul Bracewell, has made a speedy recovery and is expected to play.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

will again be without Hirst, Collins and Newsome. "Liverpool are very strong now,

and I believe this season is their best chance

of winning the title for a long time," Pleat

said. But he will not be going to shut up

shop. That just plays into their hands. We

have to try to take them on." The out-of-

favour Sheridan is likely to complete a move

SUNDERLAND

17 league matches at Roker Park today.

Peter Reid, the manager, has spent much of this week in Sweden and hopes to introduce a couple of young strikers on trial next week. Like Wimbledon, Sunderland's

prime asset is team spirit. This should not,

however, obscure the worrying statistic that Reid's joint leading scorer, Michael Bridges, has just two goals to his name. LT

Fresh from the encouraging

win at Everton last weekend

Sunderland intend to end

Wimbledon's unbeaten run of

to Bolton this weekend.

It is not an easy time to be travelling to Anfield, according to David Pleat, the manager.

especially given that his side

BLACKBURN ROVERS

The clamour concerning Sven Goran Eriksson continues, but the smart money at Ewood Park is on the caretaker manager. Tony Parkes, keeping the chair warm until the end of the season. Parkes

has had three separate spells in charge, but this present stint is the longest - six weeks. Given his results since succeeding Ray Harford, it would be no hardship for Parkes to be retained until the end of the season, especially as Eriksson would be available by then.

LEEDS UNITED The win over Chelsea might

have had neutrals blanching. but it has lifted Leeds. "It's a physical game," Carlton Palmer told Leeds Clubcall. "Chelsea came wanting to play football and we didn't let them." he said. Middlesbrough can expect more of the same today as Leeds look for a

third successive victory for their best run in 15 months. With John Scales at Elland Road yesterday for talks, Wetherall, Radebe, Palmer and Beesley will all be on their mettle.

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CHELSEA

After that horrid affair at Leeds, the question looms: can all those expensive foreigners support the physical challenge of English football? At Elland Road, Zola was marked out of the game. Di Matteo and Vialli disappointed Lebocuf no longer looked dominant. Now there is the alarming case of Craig Burley, the Scotland international, distressed at being forced out of the team by all those imports. Gullit, who must strely start this game, cannot afford to lose men like Burley.

LEICESTER CITY

Leicester hit their first target for the season by reaching 20 points when they beat Middles-brough or Tuesday night. When they went down two seasons ago they had just 14 by Christnas, and their next three home games are all against sides below them, beginning with Blackburn this afternoon. Martin O'Neill, the manager, believes that 42 could be enough to ensure. survival but remains cautious. However, with a formidable work rate they are no longer relegation certainties.

COVENTRY CITY Chief casualty since Gordon

Strachan replaced Ron Atkinson at the helm is Kevin Richardson, the graft and grind midfield player who has amassed more than 550 appearances in his 17-year career. Richardson, 34 this week, has seen not a minute of Premiership action during Strachan's brief reign but he refuses to contemplate a possible afterlife in the Nationwide League. "No way," he said. "If if ever looked like coming to that, I think I'd prefer to pack it in: RK

LIVERPOOL

There could soon be hundreds of fittle Robbie Fowlers running around Antield Sched-uled for completion in September next year, the Liverpool football academy will be based on the Ajax model. academy will be based on the ajax mode, and will include training pitches, schooling provision, even a hotel on the 55-acre site in Kirhy, all costing around £8 million. Ghildren as young as eight will be invited to the academy to hone their skills, and young players will be invited to join from all over DM the world. The future tooks red.

MANCHESTER UNITED

United's win in Vienna pleased the shareholders and the accountants as much as the players and fans, and in the aftermath Alex Ferguson, the manager, and Martin Edwards, the chairman, both contemplated adding to the squad. Ferguson, however, is not being rushed. "Prices here are going through the roof, which probably means looking to Europe," he said, "and getting players who aren't cuptied for Europe is a problem. We're assessing the situation."

MIDDLESBROUGH

No Emerson (still on his latest

1 Arsenal:

2 Liverpool.

3 Newcastle 4 Wimbledon

31 Tottenham ... 12 Leicester

4 Sunderland ::::

15 West Ham.... 16 Middlesbrough...

18 Blackburn

6 Manchester Utd.

walkabout) and no Juninho (injured) so Middlesbrough must arrest a run of ten league games without a win with no Brazilian assistance. Leeds are unlikely to prove submissive today and with the underrated Alan Moore also injured, resources are stretched. How Bryan Robson, the manager, must wish he could turn back the clock to Leeds's visit last season, when it coincided with Juninho's debut and the promise of imminent Teesside glory. LT

NEWCASTLE UNITED

So now we know what managing a side as unpredictable as Newcastle is like. The mood swings are unbelievable at times," Kevin Keegan admitted this week. What he did not make clear was whether it was to himself he was referring, or his team. Drastic action is required in the league, but it could be provided on Monday evening against Nottingham Forest. Les Ferdinand returns, less than a month after a cheekbone fracture, and his record is enviable this season.

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Frank Clark, the manager, has

denied that Ian Woan will be sold to raise the money to repay a £2 million bank loan by the end of the year. However, it is not certain that Woan will be recalled for the game against Newcastle on Monday. Chris Allen, the winger signed from Oxford ever the summer, has given an extra dimension to attacks with his pace on the left side, Woan's usual position. Forest are creating opportunities, but Dean Saunders, with two goals from 15 games, must start scoring. RH

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

SOUTHAMPTON "I think we have the people in

the team who have the required battling qualities," Graeme Souness, the manager, said at Highbury on Wednesday. He admitted that they do not, however, have a forward to share the load with Egil Ostenstad, although Le Tissier, out today, may return earlier than expected. More important in the long-term, is Hampshire County Coun-cil's meeting on Thursday, when the club's new ground at Stoneham is expected to pass. its final planning hurdle. NS

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Gary Mabbutt, the Tottenham captain, thought his £5,000 computer would be in safe hands when he sent it to a. Berkshire firm to be repaired. Sadly, it has since gone "missing" allegedly with many others, and is the subject of a police investigation. "I believe it was stolen," Mabbutt said. As if the club had not suffered enough embarrassment lately, the computer-losing company is none other than Hewlett Packard, the much-revered

main sponsors of . . . Tottenham.

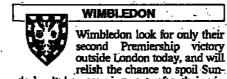
WEST HAM UNITED Two years ago Manchester

United lost the title at Upton Park, but last season, Cantona's goal sparked the champions' ultimately successful pursuit of Newcastle United. The meeting tomorrow will be less decisive — like West Ham's finishing, in fact. There could be a recall for the unprolific Steve Jones as Harry Redknapp searches for goals. "We have no excuses," Florin Raducioiu, one of the guilty men, admits. "We need to score, we need to improve, beginning on Sunday." KP

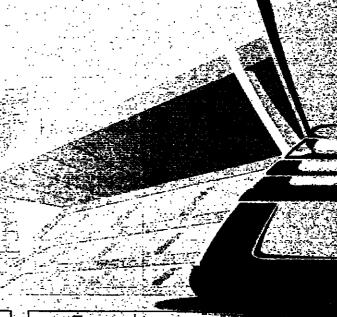
WIMBLEDON Wimbledon look for only their

derland's homecoming party after their win at Everton. They may parade a new international: Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, discovered the Scotlish grandparentage of Neil Sullivan, the goalkeeper, and hopes to confirm his eligibility in the new year. Meanwhile, stories linking Alan Kimble with Leicester are unlikely while Thatcher remains a long-term injury. NS

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepanik, Keith Pike, David Maddock. Statistics: Julian Desborough



outside London today, and will relish the chance to spoil Sun-





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10-YEAR RECORD: --, 2-1, 1-2, 1-1, 3-0, --, --, --, --, --, HOW THEY LINE UP

ARSENAL firom): J Lukic, A Linighan, S Bould, A Adams, L Dixon, P Merson, P Vieira, N Winterburn, D Platt, I Wright, J Hartson, P Shaw, S Morrow, R Garde, R Parlour, M Rose, V Bartram. DERBY COUNTY (from): R Hoult, G Rowett, C Powell, D Powell, P McGrath, I Stimac, D Yates, J Laursen, S Flynn, D Sturndge, A Ward, A Asanowc, C Daily, R Willems, M Carbon, L Carsley, M Taylor.



LIVERPOOLY

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY TICKETS: Sold gu!

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HOW THEY LINE UP LIVERPOOL (from: D. James, J. McAteer, S.) Bjornebye, M. Winght, P. Bablo, N. Ruddock, S. McManaman, J. Bames, M. Thomas, R. Fowler, P. Berger, S. Collymore, J. Radknapp, A. Kermedy, A. Warner.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from). K Pressman, P Atherton, I Notan. M Pembridge, D Walker, G Whittingham, B Carbone, A Booth, G Hyde, L Briscoe, O Trustfull, S Nicol, D Stefenovic, S Oakes, R Humphreys; R Bisnker; M Clarke.

LEADING SCORERS

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CHELSEA v EVERTON TICKETS: Sold out



10-YEAR RECORD: 1-2, 0-0, --, 2-1, 1-2, 2-2, 2-1, 4-2, 0-1, 0-0

HOW THEY LINE UP CHELSEA (from): F Grodas, D Petrescu, T Phelan, R Gullit, F Leboauf, S Clarke, A Myers, G Vialli, M Hughes, D Wise, M Duberry, D Lee, R di Matteo, S Minto, E Johnsen, J Morris, F Sinclair, M Nicholls, G Zola, M Colone

EVERTON (from): N Southall, P Gerrard, E Barrett, D Watson, C Short, D Unsworth, A Hinchcliffe, M Hottiger, A Kanchelstos, J Parkinson, A Grant, G Speed, G Allen, M Branch, G Stuart, D Ferguson.



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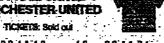
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LEEDS UNITED (from): N Martyn, G Keily, C Pairner, D Weltherati, P Beesley, L Radebe, M Ford, L Bowyer, L Sharpe, B Deane, I Rush, A Yeboah, R Wallace, M Jackson, I Harte, M Beeney.



WEST HAM UNITED Y MANCHESTER UNITED



10-YEAR RECORD: 0-0, 1-1, 1-3,---, --- 1-0, --, 2-2, 1-1, 0-1. HOW THEY LINE UP

WEST HAM UNITED (from): L. Mildesko, T Breacker, K Rowland, M Rieper, S Bilc., J Dix, F Lampard, D Williamson, I Dowe, S Jones, M Hughes, S Lazardis, M Bowen, P Futre, F Reduciou, I Dumitrescu, S Potts, J Moncur, I Bishop, H Portino.

MANCHESTER UNITED (from) P Schmeichel, D-Inein, D May, G Palister, R Johnson, D Beckham, B McCleir, & Carifors, R Giggs, P Scholes, O.G. Solskjaer, J Chiyff, K Poborsky, M Clegg, B Thomley, M Appleton, J O'Kane, C Casper, R van der Gouss.



HONDAY

COVENTRY CITY V
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR TICKETS: Seats available

10-YEAR RECORD: 4-3, 2-1, 1-1, 0-0, 2-0, 1-2, 1-0, 1-0, 0-4, 2-3. HOW THEY LINE UP

COVENTRY CITY (from): S Ogrtzovic, R Shaw, L Deish, P Williams, D Butrows, P Telter, E Jess, G McAllieter, J Williams, J Salako, D Dublin, N Whelen, K Richardson, B Borrows, M Hall, J Filan, P Notovu, W Boland, R Genaux, G Strachan, L Costello, D Huckerby. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (from): I Walker, E Baardsen, S Carr, D Austin, C Calderwood, S Carripbell, S Nethercott, J Edinburgh; C Wilson, D Howells, A Nielsen, J Dozzell, R Fox, R Rosenthal, E Sheringham, S Netsen, A Sinton, R Allen.



10-YEAR RECORD: 50, -- 3-1, 2-1, 1-1, 1-1, 2-0, 4-1, 2-1, 0-1. HOW THEY LINE UP SOUTHAMPTON (from): D Beasant, C Lundelowm, R Dryden, U van Gobbel, J Magilton, N Maddison, E Barkovic, J Dodd, M Caldey, E Catanstad, S Charlion, G Potter, K Monkou, N Moss, S Basham,

ASTON VILLA (from): M. Oakes, F. Nelson, A. Wright, U. Ehlogu, S. Stalunton, R. Soimeca, A. Townsend, M. Greper, I. Teylor, D. Yorke, S. Milosevic, J. Joachim, T. Johnson, S. Curcic, C. Tiler, G. Farrelly, M Rachel

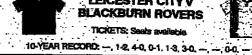


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HOW THEY LINE UP NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): Mr Crossley, A Fettis, D Lytte, Al Mealand, C Copper, N Jerken, S Chette, S Pearce, D Philips, C Bert-Williams, S Genntiel, C Allen, I Woen, K Campbell, D Saunders, J Lee, S Howe, B Roy, S Bietherwick:

NEWCASTLE UNITED (trorn): P Smicek, W Barton, J Berestort, D Betty, D Peacock, R Lee, P Beardeley, A Sheerer, F Asprilla, L Ferdinand, H Bliott, D Ginota, S Histop, K Gillespie, S Walson, L Clark, P Albert, P Kason.

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LEICESTER CITY V BLACKBURN ROVERS TICKETS: Seals available

HOW THEY LINE UP LEICESTER CITY (from): K Kelter, S Grayson, J Wattis, S Prior, I Marshall, N Lennon, E Heskey, S Claridge, M Izzet, S Taylor, G Parker, P Kaamark, J Lawrence, C Hill, S Campbell, K Poole:

BLACKBURN ROVERS (from): T Flowers, J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Seur, T Sherwood, W McKinley, G Flittroft, K Gallacher, C Sutton, J. Wilcox, L Bohlnen, G Donis, S Ripley, G Croft, S Given, D Duff,



WIMBLEDON TICKETS: Seets evaluable



10-YEAR RECORD: --, --, --, 0-0, --, --, --SUNDERLAND (from): L. Perez, G. Helf, D. Kutolcki, M. Scott, A. Metvilla, R.Ord, D. Ketty, A. Rise, P. Bracswell, K. Ball, M. Smith, G. Russell, M. Grey, M. Bridges, D. Presce, S. Agnew, S. Aiston.

WIMBLEDON (from): N Sulliven, K Cunningham, A Kmble, C Perry.

D Blackwell, B McAllister, A Reeves, R Eade, V Jones, O Leonhardeen,
M Geyfe, E Broku, D Holdsworth, N Ardley, P Fear, A Clarke,
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Maldini to sample new menu at game's top table

esare Maldini, the for-mer manager of the Italy Under-21 side. has been appointed manager of the full national team in succession to Arrigo Saochi, who has abruptly returned to AC Milan. Thereby hangs a revolution. For Maldini, once Milan's uncompromising centre half, himself capped on 14 occasions, often as sweeper.

is a catenaccio man. There has been no tactical continuity between his largely successful under-21 team and Sacchi's national team, wholly committed to 4-4-2, zonal defence, and something known in Italy as "pressing", which broadly means pushing up quickly to the halfway. line to deny space to the opposition. Maldini will have no warm-up matches in which to impose his preferred tactics on his team before they play England in the World Cup match at Wembley in

had lunch almost every day in L'Assassino, a restaurant long associated with AC Milan. Woe to whoever expresses opinions which run counter to the club. On the day of the recent Milan-Internazionale derby, a diner rose to his feet and, as he left, addressed me — "I hope you're wrong about Milan, when you say you

think they'll draw." In the event, draw they did. I-1, though they squandered a glut of chances to win. Maldini presides, a gaunt, authoritative presence over the long table at the top of the main room. Those who sit with him, mostly prosperous and middle aged football lovers all, are happy to delve into.

At the foot of the table sits. as Maldini proudly points out, a silent old fellow in his 90s. He eats slowly and methodically, all energy con-sumed by digestion, for he

CESARE MALDINI

THE FACE OF FOOTBALL



By Brian Glanville

never savs a word. Maldini himself speaks freely and mince his words. When he recently watched Newcastle United play in Metz, he pronounced himself amazed

by their defence which, he says, could have given away mystery. For so long one of

He is now 64. He has never managed a club, has won European titles with his under-21s, - they are the reigning champions — but seems to have lost his chance of succeeding Sacchi when his under-23 team went out disappointingly early in the Olympic tournament in the United States last summer. Perhaps the best advertise-

ment for his methods is Paolo, his son, a handsome young man who figured prominently in the past two World Cups, both as an attacking left back of pace and brio, and as an accomplished centre back; though not as libero, the position that his father often

Born in Milan — Cesare is from Trieste — Paolo was coached by AC Milan from boyhood and it is his only

the most reliable and influential figures, with Milan and Italy, he has been strangely erratic, and only now is he beginning to recover form. It was notable, in the Milanese derby, that he seldom embarked on his overlapping runs. A crisis of confidence, or so it seemed, but nobody will protest if Cesare keeps him in

the Italy team. If Cesare seems long in the tooth for his new role, it must be said that he has no obvious rival. The name of Dino Zoff had at first been canvassed. Zoff played 112 times for Italy. captaining them to their World Cup triumph in Spain in 1982.

He has managed Juventus and Lazio, whose president he now is, a man of infinite, quiet dignity but without the dynamism of Enzo Berzot. A fellow Friulana (from the northeast of Italy), Berzot managed the



Cesare Maldini: committed

1982 team and Cesare has been his pupil. The only other possible choice was Nevio Scala, deposed last summer as manager of Parma after seven years; but there seems

leading managers prefer to work, most lucratively, for clubs, either at home, like Marcello Lippi, of Juventus, or abroad, like Fabio Capello. now at Real Madrid, or Gianni Trapattoni, at Bayern Munich.

Sacchi's departure from his £800,000-a-year job will not be mourned by supporters or media. Though Italy, under his aegis, reached the final of the 1994 World Cup and lost it only on penalties, he has never been loved or admired. Gianluca Vialli, now at Chelsea, excluded from that 1994 World Cup, remarked subsequently that Sacchi and Antonio Matarrese, his protector, then the president of the Italian Football Association, were "the two most

unpopular men in Italy". Sacchi's return to Milan started badly on Wednesday, with European Cup defeat by Rosenborg. He never kicked a an amateur. Fusignano, his local club, told him that he would never be a player: he might as well coach the youngsters. This he did with increasing success, remarking in later years: "You don't have to have been a horse to

be a jockey."
"Flair" players made Sacchi uneasy. His relationship with Roberto Baggio, whose goals took Italy to the World Cup final, has been famously fraught. So has that with Beppe Signori and Gianiranco Zola.

Last summer, in Euro 96. Sacchi made the ludicrous mistake of omitting five of his main team against the Czech Republic, lost, and saw Italy eliminated.

Cesare Maldini may miss those happy lunchtimes at L'Assassino. Managing prime donne of Italy's top team is not the same as managing the bright-eved under-21s.

FOOTBALL

Winterburn and Wright escape action on charges

By Russell Kempson and Peter Ball

IAN WRIGHT and Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal players, escaped punishment yesterday after appearing, separately, before a Football Association disciplinary commission. Wright was found not guilty of bringing the game into disrepute, but warned as to his future conduct, while Winterburn was cleared of a misconduct

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The pair are thus free to play for Arsenal, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, against Derby County at Highbury this afternoon. However, Dennis Bergkamp, David Seaman and Martin Keown will be missing. because of injuries, as Arsenal attempt to stretch their three-

Wright and Whiterburn were charged by the FA after incidents arising from the 4-1 victory against Sheffield Wednesday in September. During the match Winterburn was alleged to have made an obscene gesture at a group of Wednesday supdisabled

Subsequently, after David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, had made critical remarks about Arsenal's tactics. Wright called him "a pervert". He later apologised to Pleat and his family.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said yesterday: There will be no further action. Ian has been warned as to his future conduct and must be careful about what he says in

Wright was pleased with the outcome. "I have been treated fairly again by the FA," he said. "I'm pleased it's all over, for me and Mr Pleat. Of course, I do regret what I said. It caused a lot of distress for him and his family. When you

Ray Harford, who resigned as manager of Blackburn Rovers, the Premiership strugglers, has been made assistant to Steve McMahon at Swindon Town, of the first division, with the aim of improving their away form.

see it in print, you realise how bad it looks." Manchester United, mis-

sion accomplished by reaching the European Cup quarter-finals, can now concentrate on the Premiership for three months. Arsenal, Liverpool and the rest of the title challengers should beware.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has always maintained that the aim was to keep in touch in the league until the Champions' League, the first stage of the European campaign, was out of the way. Then, and only then, would

their attentions turn to the Premiership; against West Ham United at Upton Park tomorrow, the time has

"December and January is an important period for us now," Ferguson said. "It gives us an opportunity to focus and concentrate on getting some consistency back into our game in the league. There may be a bit of hype in the weeks before the game with FC Porto [United's next European Cup opponents), but that's a long way off. We've got a good bit of time now to concentrate on the one thing."

United attempt to begin their charge without Roy Keane and Nicky Butt, their key competitors in central midfield. They were injured in the 2-0 win over Rapid Vienna on Wednesday, with Keane expected to be out for a month with a gashed leg.

Conflicting reports again emerged yesterday over the future of Emerson, Middlesbrough's troubled Brazilian midfield player, who is still in Rio de Janeiro apparently comforting his sick wife, Andrea. Gianni Paladini, Emerson's adviser, said: "His wife isn't well and he is prepared to give up football. At the moment he doesn't care whether he plays again or not."

However, another report suggested that Emerson could soon return to Teesside. He was quoted as saying: "I intend to return to Middlesbrough with my wife, possibly next week. I can't leave at the moment as she is bed-ridden

and depressed."

Alex Miller, the former manager of Hibernian, has been appointed assistant to Gordon Strachan at Coventry City, who play Tottenham Hotspur at home today. Steffen Iversen, Tottenham's £2.5 million signing from Rosenborg, of Norway, makes his debut.

Dave Merrington, the former Southampton manager, and John Byrne, the former Ireland striker, have emerged as frontrunners for the vacant managerial job at Brighton, the Nationwide League's bot-

Boreham Wood double act gets results

Walter Gammie charts

the rise of a small club in Hertfordshire once near bankruptcy

who has a coaching badge with a manage Who is an accountant and you either have a recipe for trou-ble or a model for a new form

of progressive football club. For Phil Wallace and Bobby Makin, the chairman and manager of Boreham Wood, respectively, the success of their partnership can be judged by the fact that the club, from the Icis League, will be making its first appearance in the second round of the FA Cup today, away to

Luton Town.

Wallace joined the club after taking an FA coaching



pressure" from his work running the L&M Food Group. He arrived in August 1990 to assist Trevor Harvey, the manager; by December, he

was chairman. The club was more than £100,000 in debt and losing £600 a week. "It didn't have anywhere to go, Wallace said. "The bank manager was pressing at the door. I was asked to get involved and said: 'I'll do it for three months, get it straight and then I'm away again."

Six years later Wallace is still there. "The financial side of the club is such that, if I walked away, it would contin-ue to do well even if it would miss a bit of my drive," he said. "The satisfaction comes from getting the club to make

Wallace's initial cash input helped to clear the debts, his energy to ensure five successive years of profit. Boreham Wood lie in Arsenal's catchment area and crowds are among the lowest in the Icis League premier division, so outside revenue is vital Wallace built an artificial pitch, refurbished function rooms and appointed a

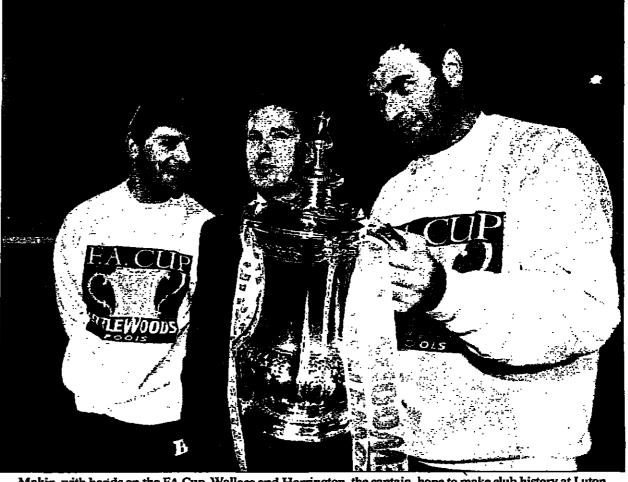
commercial manag Last season the club went into the final day as possible champions, but finished third, behind Hayes and Enfield. There was an increase, if hardly a surge, in attenthe FA Trophy and reached the FA Cup second round for the first time," he said. "If we beat our first League club, it

no reason to come to the club". Two years ago he made Alan Carrington, the assistant manager, football-in-the-community officer, which has brought the club into the schools and children to the

arrington had been instrumental in bringing Makin to Wallace's attention when the chairman made the painful decision to part with Harvey four years ago. Carrington was helping at Boreham Wood after his days as assistant to Makin at Dartford ended abruptly when the club folded.

Makin, a true non-League warrior, wrapped up a career of more than 1,000 matches in 22 years with six matches at the age of 39 to finish his first season at Boreham Wood. He wanted to get his message across from closer quarters: five wins and a draw proved

"The next season we won promotion and since then we've had our highest league position, our farthest run in



Makin, with hands on the FA Cup, Wallace and Harrington, the captain, hope to make club history at Luton

dances, which Wallace puts down to the 13 previous seasons, spent in the first divigeneration of youngsters with will be another major

> Yet Makin has been wearing a frown most of the season. Amid unbroken cup success, league form has been poor and fourteenth place is well short of expectations. When we won at Rushden [3-2 in a first round replay] it

was the first time I'd seen him smile," Terry Robbins, the striker, said. Robbins, 31, finally

achieved his goal to play in the Football League last season - 18 appearances, two goals, with Barnet - but cut short a two-year contract to return to the City. Impressed as he is by Makin's dedication, Robbins is in awe of his chairman's commitment

"He's football mad," Rob-

at training, watching what's going on." Wallace said that, at 47, "creaking bones" forbid anymore active role.

What would send Makin into raptures would be a victory over Luton followed by a third round draw against West Ham United. "I work for Dagenham Motors, and they sponsor West Ham," he said With that happy thought, it was back to work.

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Dent aims to join idle rich

NICK DENT, the Ashford Town striker, eats, breathes and sleeps football, with the emphasis firmly on sleeping, but, if Neil Cugley, his manag-er, can borrow Vinnie Jones's ghetto blaster and blare In The Mood around the Vicarage Road dressing-room today. Dent might wake up for long enough to give Ashford, the Dr Martens League premier division club, a tilt at removing Watford from the FA Cup and secure a place in the third round.

Dent was once with Bristol City, but he could not cope with either full-time training or Joe Jordan, a disciplinarian manager. He has been airily described as the Eric Cantona of non-League football.

Surprisingly, Dent, the Ashford leading goalscorer, was the only man to miss when his side beat Dagenham and Redbridge on penalties in an away replay last week.

Cugley believes that his underachiever can surprise Watford, however, along with Jeff Ross, the winger, Matt Carruthers, the Royal Ma-

Steve Acteson on a sleepy town's attempt

to emerge among the FA Cup big names

rines forward, and Paul O'Brien, the defender. Work appears to be a grey

area with Dent. "He does as little as possible; I think mainly he's known as a professionbed-tester." Cugley said. "He doesn't like to get up too early. Well, that's not quite fair, he tries to get up in the hours of daylight, but doesn't always find it possible. "For a manager, he's frus-

trating because, at times, he simply doesn't work hard enough; but he does remind me of [Matthew] Le Tissier. You know, that drifting role and suddenly he thumps one in from 30 yards; our crowd love him -- and, despite his work-rate, I wouldn't swap him for anyone, he's class. His first touch is excellent and

Dent, 28, signed professional forms ten years ago, but did not progress, drifting off to Town, Poole and, eventually, Ashford, after a spell in Hong Kong. "I am hoping to show Wat-

ford a thing or two," he said.

"The bigger the stage, the bigger the player, they say, and I do like the big games." Cugley is Ashford's only full-time employee, supple-menting his income by running football fun weeks for schoolchildren. He has a wealth of FA Cup experience. however, even if he has never beaten League opposition either as player or manager in five attempts, the last chance coming two years ago when Ashford lost to Fulham in a

Ashford - average gate 600 - expect to take 4,000 supporters to Watford for their first FA Cup second-round tie since the 1960s, "and I believe we can win", Cugley said. Even the local council are excited enough to have given us £1,000 for new blazers, ties





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Ahead of the pack: Rob Andrew will be hoping to uphold the Barbarian tradition of running rugby when he captains them against an Australia XV at Twickenham today. Yesterday a group of willing pupils from Grey Court School, Richmond, arrived at Rochampton to give the former England stalwart a taste of what to expect from the Australians. Photograph, Marc Aspland. Preview, page 44

Lloyd tries video tonic to lift team's spirits

Atherton's injury adds to England's worries

IN HARARE

ENGLAND'S cricket tour of was anticipated as a moraleboosting mission has been plagued by illness, a misguid-ed work ethic and two bewilderingly heavy defeats at the hands of minor opposition.

Yesterday Michael Atherton, the captain, received two injections in his lower back in an attempt to relieve chronic pain and keep alive hopes that he can yet turn the team's fortunes around. Nobody involved with the England side underestimates the importance of Atherton to their success, not only as captain but also as leading batsman who, time and again, forms the rock to which they cling.

Atherton will stand down from the one-day match against Matabeleland in Bulawayo tomorrow, but plans to resume his place on Tuesday for the four-day game against them in the last fixture before the internationals.

He received the same treatment — two injections either side of the sacroilliac joint - 18 months ago, before the Lord's Test against West Indies. It is. designed to increase his mobility, clearly restricted over the past few days to the detriment of his batting. His scores on the tour have been 0, 2 and 7.

Before his medical appointment Atherton faced some gentle throw downs in the nets as England practised at the Mashonaland, which has raised doubts about the quali-

David Lloyd, the coach, said that there had been no diminution in Atherton's contribution because of his medical problems. "The captain's input is absolutely first class and the part he has played is miraculous, considering what he is going through," Lloyd

"He has had problems an international captain can do without. People have criticised him in the past for his body language and posture but there is nothing he can do about them [because of his back trouble]."

Lloyd conceded that there had been a stark difference between England's tentative



tained five amateurs but self-belief and desire that their

Part of England's problem is that they have been slow to adapt to Zimbabwe's climate and culture, and especially the slow pitches. On a slow but true surface, England were dismissed for paltry totals of 197 and 180 and several batsmen were out to tame shots against the apparently innocuous medium-pace bowling of players such as Gary Brent. Of equal concern is the form of the seam attack, which has consistently failed to bowl the right length for the conditions.

Lloyd nevertheless defended the decision to let the players rest for two months at the end of the English season and prevent them from playing any cricket during a pre-tour get-together in Portugal. "I'd do it all again." he said.

Lloyd hopes that the anger and disappointment of their poor start will have a positive effect on the players. There are only 14 in the party and the management has already hinted that the team beaten by Mashonaland is close to its preferred Test XI.

As for the Zimbabweans they are unlikely to be fulled into complacency by their early successes. It has given them an important edge, but it is one that they will need if

The result on Thursday was greeted with delight among the local population. Shortly after the match finished, the chairman of the Mashonaland Cricket Association, which hardly possesses the deepest coffers, announced its victorious players would each received a bonus of ZIM\$1000

(about £65). "This is a great result for us," Don Arnott, the chairman of the Zimbabwe Cricket Unon, said yesterday. "It is significant that, having only played England in one-day matches before, we showed here in a four-day match that we have the resources to cope and remain competitive."

Lloyd did one other thing to lift the spirits of his players yesterday. He played them videos of their best performances against some of the world's top players. That's you lads; you were done by Gary Brent," he told them. We are better than they are."

Lloyd is right, of course. England do possess the better players. He knows that, his players know that, and so do the Zimbabweans. The problem is proving it when they get out in the middle. Time is running out.

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Confident Graham tips Scales to sign

By David Maddock

LEEDS United have agree a £2.7 million fee for John Scales, the Liverpool central defender, who is likely to Scales travelled to lunch time through to early evening, and expressed his satisfaction with the

progress of negotiations. We will talk further over the weekend, but I am happy with the way things have gone so far and, if everything goes to plan, then I will be happy to return to Leeds," Scales said.

Scales will become the first signing by George Graham since he became than

ager three months ago. He might not have cost the club a penny. He joined Leeds as a teenager, but was released on a free transfer at 19, without being given an op-portunity to prove his worth. "We have agreed the fee

and had amicable negotiations," Graham said, "and, if he wants to come here, we will regard him as an impor-

will regard him as an impor-tant signing."

Regi Blinker, the Shef-field Wednesday midfield player, had his global sus-pension lifted by Fifst, the sport's world governing body, yesterday. He will be in the Wednesday starting line-up at Anfield today.

However, Blinker was fined almost 236,000 after being found suilty of contra-

being found guilty of contra-vening regulations preventing players from signing contracts with more than one club.

Henman's journey into the unknown reaps rich reward

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN MUNICH

TIM HENMAN could round off his year with the biggest payday of his short termis career today and, with luck, learn one of the most important lessons. Win or lose in the Grand Slam Cup semi-final against Boris Becker, lenman will end up considerably richer than he was on Tuesday morning when the also know what it is like to play a big-money, high-profile match in front of a largely hostile crowd.

The Olympiahalle here holds 11,500 spectators and Becker is the local hero. For the past three years he has made Munich his home and, as one of Germany's favourite sons, he is expected to win in style. Henman, too, carries more than a few expectations on his shoulders. Since he reached the quarter-finals at Wimbledon he has been seen as the saviour of the once beleaguered British tennis world. In June, though, his success was a novelty and every win was a bonus. Now success is expected and he has

Whatever happens today, Henman's world ranking will stay the same. There is only money and pride to play for in Munich as the official season ended two weeks ago when the top eight men in the world played for the ATP world championship in Hanover. Herman is at No 29 in the world but, as yet, he has not pitted his wits against the top men and, as he may find out today, the step up to the heights of the top ten is a huge one. He is only 22, but by the same age Becker had won Wimbledon three list one have been and the list one one how one of

a lot to live up to.

the grand old men of the tour. Becker could teach Henman a very sharp lesson. For all Henman's progress,

he has yet to play the likes of Muster and Chang, Ivanisevic, and the match with encounter. Of the top ten, Henman has played only has beaten both of them this year, he has also lost to both Against Sampras, the world lo i, he has yet to take a set from him in two meetings.

The coming year, too, will be hard for Henman. He will no longer be the new boy on the tour and the top players will have seen what he can do and where his weaknesses lie. However, he and David Felgate, his coach, have their plan of action and Henman is not about to believe the hype

that surrounds him. He

physically stronger and consolidate upon the achievements of the past 12 months. The top ten may be his goal, but it will take time and a lot of hard work to get there.

Defeat today would be softened by the consolation of earnings of \$431,250 (about £263,900) from his week's open the way to the \$1 million first prize. Munich has proved by far and away the most lucrative tournament for Henman; he has doubled his year's earnings here. His achievement at Wimbledon may have brought most prestige, but it was worth only a mere \$51,025. Six semi-finals in ATP events have yielded up to \$35,000 apiece and reaching the fourth round of the US Open brought in \$45,000.

Ivanisevic wins, page 45

Clubs condemned by one law for the poor

rom Monday onwards, The demands of the local Virginia Bottomley, the safety committees won't Secretary of State for change and, as Thursday's National Heritage, could be cast as doing for the football industry what she did for the National Health Service -becoming the matron of clo-sures. The Football Trust,

ordered modernisation of grounds in England and Scotland could not take place, meets to discuss the increasing damage done to its budgets by the National Lottery.

John Reames, one of the ten trustees, said: We will have to have a moratorium on all new fund offers. The loss of income into the Football Trust is so serious that 20 clubs at least, all of them in the [Nationwide Leaguel second and third divisions, will be in a dire position.

dramatic television pro-gramme of Hillsborough reminded us, can't change."

What Reames is talking about amounts to the end of League football as this country without whose grants the has known it for the better part of a century. He

cites clubs such as "Those best Bournemouth, intending to move to able to cope a new stadium; such as Portsmouth, Reading and Port Vale, all have had of them desperatethe money ly reliant on the Trust for funding.

But this is where Bottomley's influence sits heavily on the sport. In January the doubling of the Nat-ional Lottery will bring an anticipated £80 million into the coffers; that is precisely the shortfall left in the building process towards safety and comfort which, after the Taymeans to rebuild their stands. lor Report, must be completed Rob Hughes says cutbacks may change the face of football as seen for a century

by the new millennium. The irony is that those best able to help themselves have had all of the Trust money, £139 million of it, towards new stadiums costing \$437 million. No complaints there: Lord Justice Taylor said that the greatest threat to public safety was at the top and the priority,

rightly, was to sweep away the crumbling Victorian edifices that threatened life and limb. However, even before Hillsborough, there was another harrowing tragedy in an English stadium — the fire at Bradford City that killed 56 spectators. Reames was there that day. He is chairman of Lincoln City, who were the visiting team in May 1985 when the fire swept through the old wooden stand. Being there changed irretrievably

rebuilding of the ground, the modernisation by 2000." destruction of two stands horribly like Bradford's, the resaccused of crying wolf, or of urrection of a stadium costing

£3.25 million — one third of it coming from the Football Trust. "Building the ground is one of the reasons why we are still in the third division today," the chairman conceded. But the club has a future, it could be filling its 11,000than the £1 million capacity stadium at the turn of the top clubs hunthe century in a Football League diminished by, as he forewarned, 20 casualties.

The Government can be the final straw that puts a number of these clubs under." Reames said. "It was a declared policy of the Govern-ment to help to provide income. money, which derives in the first place from the taxation on football and the pools. Now, the priorities of Lincoln City; the Government is reneging Reames presided over the on Taylor; we were told in the

House of Lords two weeks ago that there would be no more monies for football and no extension to the Taylor deadline to complete all the Reames could hardly be

tion. His little club has a total wage bill of E750,000 per annum. This is less than the "gate" at a Manchester United match, less

grily anticipate from pay-per-view digital television, much less than the average 12 Football League. And to him million that FA Carling Premiership clubs each reap per season from hospitality-box

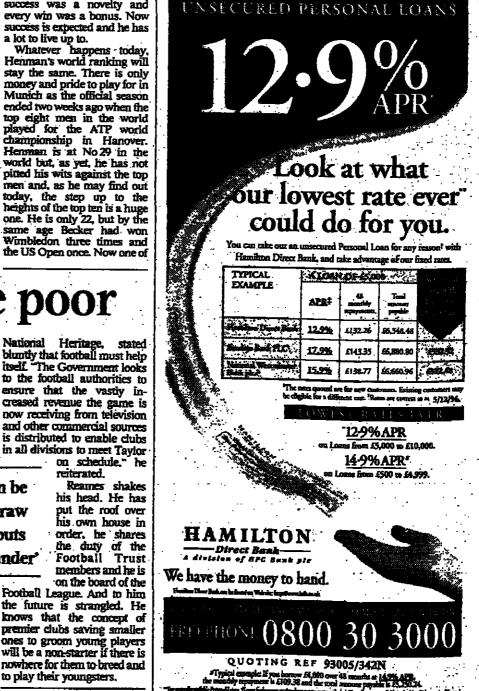
Two worlds, but the Lincolns of football can live within the structure, must survive within it. Last month in the Lords, Lord Inglewood, the Under-Secretary of State for

National Heritage, stated bluntly that football must help itself. The Government looks to the football authorities to ensure that the vastly increased revenue the game is now receiving from television and other commercial sources is distributed to enable clubs in all divisions to meet Taylor on schedule," he

Reames shakes 'It can be his head. He has the straw put the roof over his own house in that puts order, he shares the duty of the Football Trust clubs under members and he is

> the future is strangled. He knows that the concept of premier clubs saving smaller ones to groom young players will be a non-starter if there is nowhere for them to breed and to play their youngsters.

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Trouble in Hovis land

Monday evening as the mayor, Derek Beer, emerged from the cafe he runs on the High Street. He crossed the road to join his deputy, Ray Humphries, who runs the hardware store opposite.

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The occasion was the illumination of the High Street. No fancy. laser displays or flashing decorations, just simple fairy lights strong from one side of the street to the other. Here is a street that takes a pride in itself: window boxes for the Britain In Bloom competition during the summer; traditional benting for carnival week in October, and now early December and

the month of Advent. · But this year's ceremony marked the advent of something other than the season of goodwill, for Tuesday. December 3, marked the final stages in the battle by the supermarket giant Sainsbury's for the soul of Shaftesbury.

The Second Supermarket Con-ing which according to many will threaten the very survival of the High Street, has already driven a vedge between one section of the community and another, set coun-

town of Shaftesbury on he sky darkened over the ber, cousin against cousin and given rise to a storm of protests and accosations of vested interest, bias and bribery.

The fault lines that run through every community - of age, class, occupation - have become gaping cracks as residents, shoppers, livestock auctioneers, football and part in this small-town supermar-

ports, opinion polls, objections and amendments, North Dorset District Council's planning services committee was finally to meet to consider the planning application by Chelverton West Limited on behalf of Sainsbury's.

To city dwellers who expect a choice of mega-stores, it may all sound like over-reaction. Yet this drama is being enacted in rural towns across the country, and arouses passions that amaze even those most intimately involved.

Perched 700 feet above sea level, this Saxon hilltop town, the Shaston of Hardy's Wessex, retains the attributes he described in Jude the Obscure, "one of the queerest and quaintest spots in England"

Moves to build a Sainsbury's supermarket in Shaftesbury, Dorset, have driven a deep wedge between people in the town. Jane McCarthy reports

and "a breezy and whimsical spot". cricket club members all play their. The "natural picturesqueness and singularity of the town" to which he ket war.

After months of negotiations thriving market town with its own refers can still be detected. It is a with the town and district councils, cattle market, weekly street market, financial inducements, surveys, reand a High Street not yet dominated by the major chains, but still boasting small family businesses bakers, florists, a greengrocer, butcher, gunsmith and hardware

> The startlingly pretty Gold Hill is so unspoilt that it was used as the backdrop for the famous Hovis television commercial. Shaftesbury is a town where words such as millinery, hosiery, haberdashery and ironnongery do not seem out of place, nor do old-fashioned courtesy and personal service. You can expect George Ansiee the baker to doff his hat in greeting, for Abbotts the greengrocers to mind your shopping while you to call into the shop over the road, and for Humphries the hardware shop to

fit the new batteries in your clock. As Mayor Derek Beer says: "I believe in Shaftesbury. People generally don't care about their towns any more, but Shaftesbury still has community pride and people care. They cross the road to talk to each other. It's very sad that people are so divided. These developers come down here and turn body against

body. They're devious."

There is indeed a perception among some people that Chelverton's determination to secure a site in Shaftesbury is almost malevolent. Howls of derision greeted the Sainsbury's representative, Alison Peach, at a packed public meeting two weeks earlier in the town hall when she claimed: The store has been designed for the requirements of the town. We want to be part of the community." Some two-thirds of the 100strong audience voiced objections to the scheme that afternoon, and

for those people developers repre-

sent the enemy, the outsider set on increasing profit margins at the

expense of residents. They have Shaftesbury Town Council, the Chamber of Trade, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and the Civic Society on their side. George Anstee spoke with grim determination for many when he said: "If we accept Sainsbury, this will become Sainsbury's town. Please stick to-

gether and fight to the death."

And fighting there has been: petitions (one conducted as early as January 1995 attracted the signatures of 2,000 objectors in a matter of days); leaflets proclaimed "Don't go Insanesburys"; empty shop fronts were daubed with the slogan, "Make Shaftesbury a super market town, not a supermarket town," and column inches in the local papers were devoted to a war

of words between the two sides. In favour of the application is a group calling itself Supporting

headed by resident Hugh Woodhouse, to counter what he sees as "a vociferous minority who tend to be opposed to a lot of things. The biggest problem is that people who attend public meetings and write letters tend to be 55-plus. professional, well educated, articulate, and with the time to devote to such a cause. I looked around at the opening meeting, and saw a sea of greying and thinning pates, hecause everyone else was at work on a Tuesday afternoon."

ligned with him are three of the 12 local councillors, the football club, cricket club, and Southern Counties auctioneers, who jointly lease the land under discussions and who all stand to gain from a

successful bid. They claim that 70 per cent of the town supports their cause. The opposition lobby claims the real figure is nearer 17 per cent. Councillor John Freeman, however, insists that his pro-Sainsbury's stance is "being guided by the people I've been elected to represent. To my knowledge I'm the only councillor who has knocked on people's doors to find out what they think. I don't

believe the argument that most people can't understand what these plans mean. I have faith in the ordinary person."

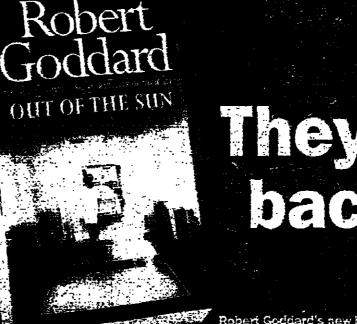
Understanding the plans as submitted by Chelverton is like trying to build on shifting sands. The exact site, dimensions, car parking arrangements, product lines and inclusion of a petrol station have over the months all been debated and redefined. The arguments hinge on the sale of amenity land within the town, the size of the development in relation to the needs of Shaftesbury, the increased traffic, the impact on the independent high street shops, and the location barely meeting the govern-ment's guidelines for "edge of town" developments.

The town council, while acknowledging the need for another, centrally situated fond store on an appropriate scale, has objected to the planning application and, as joint land owners with North Dorset District Council, has refused to sell the land. Their detractors note that since many members are town traders their views are self serving and letters published in the local paper have

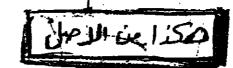
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Remember the days when you just couldn't put a good book down?



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ants are not funny. It is only the word that is funny. Pants. Pants, pants, pants, pants. There, that's that done with. For, you see, they are never called pants in shops.

They are called "classic trunks", "jockey thongs", "tanga briefs", "traditional boxers". This is because, in order to sell vast quantities of them, the manufacturers have to call them something else, so as to stop us laughing, or being embarrassed, or doing anything else that might make the cleaving of us from our cash any

It is for this reason, of course, that they do not call them "smalls". either. They do not draw our attention to pants. In department stores you may see signs directing

"shirts, ties and socks". But there is never a big arrow pointing through the perfumery, past the food hall on the left, to a department called "pants".

Socks are okay. The ideal Christmas gift. You will even find a thing called Burlington Socks in a Tin (£9.99). As if tinning your hosiery made it a more acceptable gift at yuletide. But "Pants in a Tin"? No chance. And yet, you must give pants this Christmas. Because it is far too embarrassing, nowadays,

for a man to buy them himself. It is a similar embarrassment to that which attaches to buying condetas: the woman behind the till is going to be imagining what you look like in them. And she is going to find it funny. This situation has been exacerbated by you to "men's accessories", or the modern pant box. For the norm

SERIOUS SHOPPING

among designers is to illustrate with an impossibly toned middle section, filmed in classic homoerotic black-and-white porn pose. Rummaging through one depart-ment store's collection, I confess I

What if I had been seen compar-ing the boxes? In the Isle of Man you can still be hanged for less.

One Armani box had the man wearing nothing at all, advertising only what your bottom might look like after you had taken the pants off. The funny thing is that nobody with a body in this sort of shape could possibly afford the pants. One pair by Dolce & Gabbana cost 139.99, and was offered with

UNDERPANTS

go to the gym, pick up your steroids, or have your chest waxed. What you get for your extra cash is a huge waist-band with the designer's name embossed all the way round. This is so that you can wear it pulled out of the top of your half-undone jeans emphasising both your fashion sense and glearning abs (this look does not work well with a suit). Then, of course, you have the words "Hugo Boss", say, pressed into your skin BY GILES COREN all day so that after work you can peel off to reveal designer love

a matching "tank-top" at £69.95. Now, if you are going to spend £110 to sit around in your pants handles. The old boxers versus Y-fronts and vest, you will have to get a job. debate, by the way, is over. The rage now is for knee-length ther-And then you will have no time to

mal longjohns. Yves Saint Laurent does a pair for £13.99 and Boss does a stretch cotton number (£36.99) with a misplaced pee-hole positioned somewhere around your pelvic bone.

The man in the picture wears it with a medium-sized haggis inside, but the traditional Scottish pudding was not included in the box I opened. If not the long legged effort then you must have the briefest of

briefs. Hom do a black pair with some of that lacy elastic netting on the top and fishnet effect featuring crocheted flowers over the pubic bone (£21.99). Don't look at me like that. They sell them in Selfridges. Hom also do a charming red micro brief for £10.99, and a sports model which features a man

engaged in what appears to be a cross between ballet and bareknuckle face-slapping. Sloggi is good, too. Scandinavia is the last word in pants - and the model

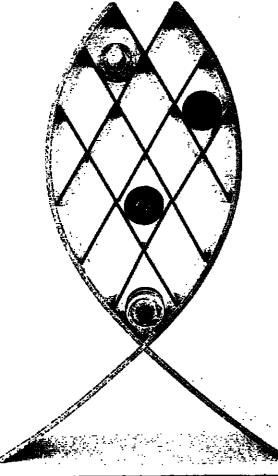
even has chest hair. Daftest brand-name: 2(x)/ist. The artist formally known as pants? These dubious people make a thing called a snap fly boxer

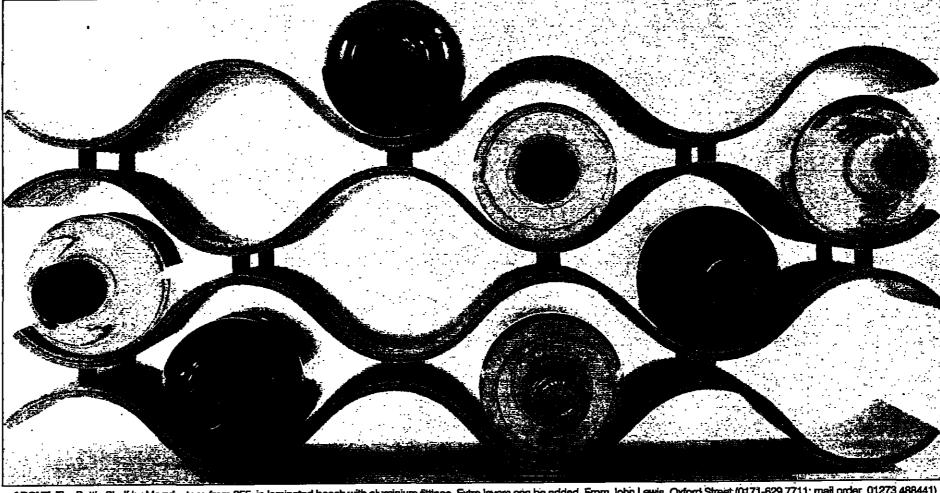
brief Frightening Perhaps it would be best to escape the designer jungle alto-gether, and head for M&S. the great pantropolis. Three cotton slips cost £7.50, and you can buy two briefs for £7 safe in the knowledge that they are quick drying to keep you cool and dry".

At least they will know what you mean when you ask for Calvin Klein Lycra-mix, double-layered, pouch-fronted, leisure smalls.

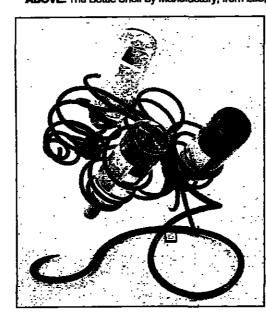
Corking decor

The more expensive the wine, the more carefully it needs to be stored — somewhere dry and away from vibrations and temperature fluctuations, Sophie Chamier writes. But this is the age of supermarket buying for almost immediate consumption. These decorative wine racks are fine for everyday wines you intend to drink within six weeks or so. They are designed to look good on display in the (sometimes steamy) kitchen or (periodically sweltering) dining room, but they also perform a vital function in keeping the bottles on their side or at an angle. For, as everyone knows, you should never store a bottle of wine upright as the cork will dry out, oxygen will get inside and you will end up with vinegar.





ABOVE: The Bottle Shelf by Manufactory, from £55, in laminated beech with aluminium fittings. Extra layers can be added. From John Lewis, Oxford Street (0171-629 7711; mail order, 01273 488441)



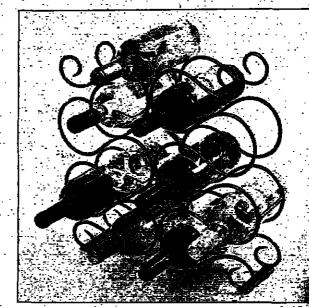


FAR LEFT: Drink Like A Fish wine rack by Jonathan Hoad, £247 (p&p £15), in beach laminate with birch ply inserts (01923 855892).

MIDDLE LEFT: A five-bottle wine rack with black waxed finished steel, £85 (inc p&p), from Bisca Design (01439

LEFT: A six-bottle wine rack, £19.95, from branches of Jerry's Home Store, 163 Fulham Road, London SW3 (0171-581 0909); Hampstead (0171-794 8622); Bentali's Centre, Kingston (0181-549 5393); and Harvey Nichols (0171-245 6251)

RIGHT: Curly metal ten-bottle wine rack, £16.95, from The Pier (0171-351 7100). A popular design with a speckled finish



'Councils roll over for Sainsbury'

Continued from page 1 questioned the integrity of the mayor and deputy mayor in particular. One woman wrote: Our councillors should remember that they are on the council as servants of the

public, and to carry out the wishes of the residents of Shaftesbury, not to further their own business interests." She also implied that the removal of the petrol station and cafeteria from the revised Sainsbury plan and the reduc-

tion of household items to be stocked was a direct result of their influence. "Our mayor has a café and does not drive a car and our deputy mayor has a hardware shop."
Ray Humphries made an

emotional response to these accusations at a special council meeting attended by more than 30 members of the public. "Yes. I do have an interest - my interest in Shaftesbury as a community and what happens to it in the years

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ahead. My heart has always been in Shaftesbury and that is where it will firmly remain.* A member of his family. however, is firmly rooted on the other side of the fence. His cousin Paul Humphries is chairman of the football club which stands to gain if the planning applications succeed. Chelverton on behalf of Sainsbury has promised a

new enclosed pitch and a 200-

seater grandstand as part of a

package swathed in secrecy

money has already changed hands in order that Sainsbury secures the option to build is not known: certainly it has not been denied.

Seen by many as the insid-

ious side of big business which buys its way into peoples' lives through limitless resources. these inducements are defended by Paul Humphries: When we came here in 1971 this land was not wanted by anyone. There's been a lot of hard work in that time. It's an expensive operation running four teams and although there's a lot of goodwill in the town there has been little financial support from the councils. To compete in a higher league we need an enclosed playing area and covered grandstand."

imilarly the cricket club envisages a rosier to us for at least six years."

are many: councillors are unbasic principles of government planning guidelines, and derelopers manipulate, make hollow promises and buy peoples loyalty.

Through all the mud slinging, the wrangling over details continues. Will three in ten supermarket shoppers really walk 300 metres to the start of the High Street after they have finished at Sainsbury's let alone 500 metres to its heart?



"non-food items," the cause of great concern to Shaftesbury traders, would constitute 10 rather than 15 per cent of the store and the sales area would be reduced by a further 2,000

square feet. But gestures such as these do nothing to convince those who believe that their historic High Street will soon be laid waste by a supermarket twice the size of the existing central

determined by the weak-kneed approach of officials."

When the decision came well into the afternoon and the assembled Shaftesbury traders, residents and councillors awaited their sentence, everyone was disappointed. There was no outright rejection or acceptance of the planning application but rather a vote for more time to consider. The



Against: his cousin Ray. deputy mayor, outside his shop

THE SUPERMARKET BOOM

- the least desirable - sites well served by public trans-port. Revitalising town centres is central to the policy. Developers apply to the district council and if planning permission is refused, they can appeal to the Environment Secretary. Since 1986 Sainsbury's has built 206 new stores of which 21 are in town centres. 47 are edge-of-town

Waitrose has opened 41 stores, some new and others in renovated buildings. Safeway has built 194 new stores in the past ten years. 49 per cent in town centres. 38 per cent in suburban areas and 13 per cent on the edge of a town. Tesco has opened 289 in the past ten years and hope to open a further 25 a year before the millennium. Asda has opened 66 new stores since. 1986 and plan nine more by next April. In 1986, Britain had 432 superstores (more than 25,000sq ft in size). By 1996 it had 1,034. Research by Caroline Griffiths

future with the help of Sainsbury. Relocation forms part of a package that the team captain Guy Lowton resolutely defends: "We want to secure the future of cricket in Shaftesbury which at the moment is uncertain. We haven't as a club entered the For: Paul Humphries, chairman of the football club great supermarket debate and the council has refused discus-How will the road system cope Somerfield store. Councillor with an additional 2,000 vehi-Anthony Morris voices the sions with us even though suspicions of many: Sainsbury's will say or do cles a day? Would trade be developers have been talking clawed back from other towns almost anything to get what they want. It is nothing more SINCE guidelines intro-Every faction cites a differor would as protesters predict. and 138 are outside. ent enemy and the accusations some 20 shops be at risk? duced in June this year. As decision day dawned, than a show of paying some sites for building supermardemocratic, traders are private individuals were still attention to public wishes kets fall into three categoswayed by vested interest. noting precise measurements without moving away from ries: town centre, the football and cricket club memand timings with their stop their primary objective of preferred option; edge of centre (within easy walking making money. All councils bers put their sport before watches, maps and compasses their town, the public is miswhile Chelverton made 11thseem to roll over and lie down distance of the main shops), guided or reactionary, planhour revisions in an attempt to in front of Sainsbury's. I just such as in Shaftesbury; and ning officials disregard the placate their opponents. The hope that our future will not be

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Fake fur is flying on the catwalks as today's designers develop a fluff fixation, says Grace Bradberry

A stroke of genius for the foxy lady

ake for trims and fluffy wools appeared in almost every de-signer collection for this winter. They ranged from the dowdy to the glamorous -from coarse fuzz to fake mink stoles. On every catwalk, a bit of fluff softened stark designs

of furif softened stark designs or gave a retro hippy twist to an otherwise plain, 1990s look. Dolce & Gabbana showed fake fur stoles that took the models on a trip back to the 1950s, while Alberta Ferretti had little woolly cuffs and

The shaggiest of the shaggy dog stories came from Clements Ribeiro, a British design team, which used pure Tibetan lambswool in its bohemian-inspired collection. Tippets — fur neck wraps — were the most conservative option, used by Christian Dior.

Overall, the fake fur and fake wool accessories were among the wittiest and most wearable things that designers had to offer, and they have made a smooth transition to the high street.

Earlier in the autumn, when temperatures were hovering well above zero, they might have seemed frivolous, even self-conscious. But they are now beginning to look alluringly cosy.

They are also a good way to bring life and fun to blocks of colours such as brown or cream, which could otherwise

pieces will still be wearable because the cuffs and collars are detachable. The cream Desiré cropped cardigan, shown here, becomes positively spring-like as does the Fenn Wright &

The key to wearing for or wool trims is to keep everything else simple. Do not mix a jacket with a skirt from elsewhere - instead, wear an entire suit.

Trimmed cardigans are much easier to wear with plain skirts, though it is more direc-tional to mix them with patterns and go for the full bohemian look.

oneman look.

One of the disadvantages of wearing lots of fluff, however, is that it can end up wearing you. I chose this brown Karen Millen suit (below) because it is well-cut and the fur trims are so distinctive. But it was

ly unzipped, creating the deep V-neck that is fashionable now and ensuring that the Afghan-look trim can be worn slightly looser. On days when you are feeling under the weather, and any excess fluff is irritating, it can be removed.

The stretchy Morgan jacket and the dress are both wedded to their fur trims. But in the case of the dress, the relatively wide and slightly low neckline keep the fur at bay, well below

If you are happy with the clothes you have and simply want to update them, then the best bet is

look real, some do not. The most stylish are in blonde. Wear them with same-colour outfits and the effect will be



ABOVE: Peach tweed side-vent skirt, £45, by Jigsaw (0171-491 4484). Beige fur-trim chunky knit cardigan, £125,



ABOVE: Cream for trim cardigan, £75, by Desiré. Leopard print silk slip dress, £39, by August Silk Intimates, both from Fenwicks (0171-629 9161). RIGHT: Tan tweed jacket with blonde for trim, £115, from Morgan (0171-436 5255). Copper Jersey a-line skirt, £88, by No Such Soul at Hype DF (0171-738 8538). Photographer: Steve Poole. Stylist: Deborah Brett. Make-up and hair. Nicky Tavilla at Teme Tanaka for Shu-Uemura. Model: Serah Holland at Models One





Brown fake fur bobble hat, £119



Leopard take fur coat, £299



Bobble hat, leopard coat and gloves all by Sam de Terán



Chocolate brown zip-front fur-trimmed jacket, £175, and matching trousers. £89.95, both by Karen

- Wrange



GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

I have been given some seed of a scented hosta. Picase could you give advice on when and how to sow and care for them. — M. Mitchell, Fittleworth, Sussex

This will be Hosta A plantaginea, a white-flowered species requiring great warmth to do well and flower. The blooms open in late afternoon and evening. The flower stems rise to about 30in, and the flower tubes themselves can be up to 5in long - much showier than your average hosta. Gertrude Jekyll recommended growing it in a tub stood outdoors for the

Hostas are easy from

seed. Store the seed in a cool place, then sow it in spring in a pot away from slugs, or in a row in shady ground with slugs controlled. Put the seedlings into pots when they have a few proper leaves, and when they are sturdy little plants bring them into the garden. They will take a few years to flower, but will make good foliage plants in the interim. Rich moist soil will speed them along.

I would like to buy some ground-cover roses for my husband's including birthday, 'Grouse' (pink) and 'Nozomi' (pale pink and white). Please would you advise. - K. Staples, Marl-

No rose provides real A ground cover, but with a good mulch they may remain reasonably free of weeds beneath. When you do have to weed through these roses, it is a miserable job. 'Nozomi' may be very pretty but its hooked thorns are vicious. 'Grouse' romps off in all does the single pink 'Max Graf'. You might like the new 'County Series' of roses. 'Surrey' grows to about 2ft tall and twice that across. It is a frilly double pink, and was full of bloom in my garden in November. 'Kent' is a double, opencentred white 3ft across. You may have seen the pink 'Flower Carpet' advertised as being disease-free. It is, but it is also a very ordinary flower. White Flower Carpet' has much more style, but just the same disease resistance. No spraying there. All are available from mail order rose growers.

Please advise me as to the best fertilisers for evergreeus and coniferous trees. - K. McKeown, Darlington.

A most connected are undernanding Most coniferous trees about soils. More important is the depth of soil and rainfall. So unless you have desperately poor soil, no feeding is necessary. Nine times out of ten conifers look poor because the site is too exposed or they are short of water. Some withstand bitter winds, some do not. Broad-leaved evergreens are another matter. Evergreen oaks and Magnolia grandiflora and even holly will benefit noticeably from a good rich soil and generous feeding. So will the smaller laurels, privets and viburnums. The best fertiliser is a good mulch of old rich compost.

in October we saw clumps of cyclamen flowering naturalised in the Cotswolds and were told this was Cyclamen buy them in nurseries in the Cotswolds without success. Where can we obtain some, and will they grow here? — P. Tate, Ponteland, Newcastie upon Tyne.

They will certainly

a grow for you. Outdoor cyclamen corms are sold by mail order from specialist suppliers, or growing in pots from specialist herbaceous nurseries. They seed freely and a flowering corm in a pot will give you promise of many seedlings to come. Cyclamen have been taken from the wild in devastating numbers in recent years, and you should always be suspicious of corms larger than a 10p piece. (They can grow to a great size.) Dry corms are cially if they have been dried to desiccation, and I prefer to buy live plants. Flora and Fauna International, of Great Eastern House, Tenison Road, Cambridge CBI 2DT, publishes the Good Bulb Guide, which lists suppliers who pledge "never know-ingly to sell wild bulbs".

 Readers should write to: Garden Answers. Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London E19XN. We regret that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. Enclosures cannot be returned.

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Jane Owen offers seasonal advice for gardeners from the best tree to buy to courses and talks



Metric Christmas everyone

THIS YEAR you will no longer be able to buy a 6ft Christmas tree. For the first time you will have to buy a 150-175cm tree and I'm sure they'll be more festive for it - Metric Christmas evervone.

Whatever the size, here is the annual Christmas tree sermon. If you want to buy a growing tree, do so from a reputable agent. Containerised trees are not necessarily alive but Sainsbury's Homebase, for instance, buys trees which have been potted a full year before

In the frame

HARLOW CARR botanical

gardens in Harrogate has

regular gardening courses and shows. The visitor centre

is currently exhibiting botan-

ical drawings, paintings and

show is free and open until

February 16 at Crag Lane, Harrogate, North Yorks HG3 IQB (01423 565418).

MY COMMENT last month

Big and tasty

Derwent May

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ons by students. The

they go on sale so they have had time to settle and start to grow. Keep the trees as far from heat sources as possible and in as cool a room as you can manage, whether or not the tree's pposed to be growing.

The range of trees grows by the year, and the claims get wilder, but some varieties are certainly better at keeping their needles and most, so long as they are freshly cut, smell of pine. If you give a tree a shake and some needles fall, don't buy it.

minimal needle drop but is the most expensive Norway Spruce is the traditional British

Christmas tree. Bad needle drop but cheap. Nordmann or Caucasian fir is a handsome regularly shaped tree with a slight blue tinge. Serbian spruce has a slightly silvery look because the needles are pale blue underneath. Scots Pine holds on to its long needles most successfully of all the trees mentioned here.

■ Blue Spruce is a pretty blue/green and has

■ Noble fir is a fine deep blue/green colour with a regular shape and excellent needle

■ Lodgepole pine sometimes comes with cones on the tree but it is a coarser, less regularly shaped tree than many and can show ■ The blue-grey White fir is claimed to smell of

oranges when the needles are crushed. Maybe the ones I sniffed had been cut too long but I could smell only the usual pine.

GARDENER'S UPDATE or shrubs rather than actual ctures. And I found it had

you will never be able to visit it because it was made on-screen with a programme called 3D Landscape V.2 Deluxe CD-Rom (£39.95) which can "grow" my garden ten, 15 or 50 years from now. This ingenious software can tell where shade will fall at any time on any day of the year and it has a

FIND OF THE MONTH

selection of 2,200 trees, shrubs and flowers. It can call in information from the Internet and can take you on a 3D walk needs endless television this Christmas when you could be building gardens until the

days lengthen? The picture you make, how-

ever, is crude. Plants are shown by symbols of annuals trouble working on an Apple Macintosh - my neighbour had to spend four hours

sorting out his computer after This is one of a collection of CD-Roms sold in Britain by Howit and Mowit Distribution, which let me try several of the programmes, including

called Forever Growing Garden. I was baffled but I'm sure children would be able to handle it. Details from Howit and Mowit on 01380 848118.

Fair contest SOMETHING to look for

ward to: a national plant fair on May 18, 1997. Now all you have to do is grow some plants for it. The National Trust is holding the fair at properties all over the country to raise £100,000 and plans to establish it as an annual event. Plants will be supplied by commercial growers and volunteers — that means you, so put aside a few extra seedlings this spring. Register as a grower and claim an information pack on 0181-315 1111 or send an SAE to National Trust Spring Plant Fairs, PO Box 39, Bromley, Kent BRI 3XL.

Woman's work

KEW.GARDENS is hosting a series of talks to celebrate 100 years of women gardeners. Gillian Cox will talk about the Great Vine at Hampton Court Palace on January 31, Sally Festing will lecture on Ger-trude Jekyli on March 28 and Laura Ponsonby will talk about the influence of Kew on

women on March 21. Tickets are £3 a lecture from the shops at Kew or from Sarah Oldridge, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB.



challenge from Geoffrey Swaddle in Northumberland, who says his giant cabbages

that giant vegetables rarely taste good has brought a THE Royal Horticultural Society will stage its Christmas show on December 10-11 at New Hall, Greycoat Street, London SWI. Tinsel and artifitaste excellent. He sells the cial flowers will be allowed seed at £3 a packet but you will among the horticulturally elite need space for these monsters. exhibits and there will be a which can weight 57lb. The seed, bred from the American mass of gardening presents including topiary. RHS memgiant strain, Tex, crossed with bers free, non-members £5 on December 10 (11am-7pm), nonsome British heavyweights that Mr Swaddle will not members £3 on December 11 (10am-5pm). For information ring 0171-821 3000. A CHRONICLE OF BIRD LIFE FROM THE PAGES OF THE TIMES

Tinsel time

Fantasy land

name, should produce some

prizewinners - but can any-one else vouch for the flavour

of vast vegetables? Mr Swaddle's tips are to set

the seed in the greenhouse this

Christmas and plant them out

in March in as much well-

your hands on. They do better

in a wide open space, apparently. He eats his lightly

boiled with gravy. For details ring Mr Swaddle on 01434

YESTERDAY I made a third of an acre garden, single handedly, in about two hours. It has a series of formal yew and box pyramids and balls, a vegetable garden and an interesting mixed border dotted with architectural plants, a fountain, greenhouse and barbeque

My garden is splendid but

used for topiary, dead heading and edging. The blades are longer than secateurs, and the way they spring back into the cutting position makes them handler — and more dangerous - than scissors. They are also more robust than most garden scissors which, in this household, are constantly being snaffled by other members of the family for school projects. Nobody, however, would dare to take these. Master Shear costs £14.50 including p+p from Burgon & Ball (mail order, 01142 338262). PLANT OF THE MONTH

CK, so my latest find isn't modern. It is about 4,000

years since sheep shears were first used but just a few since

they moved into the garden as Master Shear, which can be



Lilium nepalense was brought in from the Himalayas about ten years ago and has a mysterious-looking dark green flower with a purple-brown throat. It is tricky to grow but worth it. Plant in humus-rich soil without a trace of lime. Like most lilies it needs fast-draining soil. It may take a year to settle and needs deciduous shade and plenty of water during the spring and summer. In late summer it blooms and, if happy, produces up to six flowers per stem. Bulb specialist Jacques Armand has a good stock at £2.35 per bulb. For free catalogue and further information contact the Nurseries, Clamp Hill. Stammore, Middlesex HA7 3JS (0181-954 8138).

How to keep tabs on your plants.

Edwardian push-in tags are back in fashion

and essential if you want to avoid chaos

f you decide against using labels. you are asking for trouble unless you are obsessive about keeping a labelled garden plan up to date. If you decide in favour, the choice is huge both in terms of materials and style, although garden centres rarely have a comprehensive range so it is worth going direct to a specialist.

Alternatively, cut yoghurt pots into oblong strips for "push-in" labels or, with a loop of wire, hanging labels for trees and shrubs. This is a cheap system although I dislike splashes of

equivalents because, in frost and heat, plastic becomes brittle faster than wood rots. The company has tried to make plastic acceptable by dying it

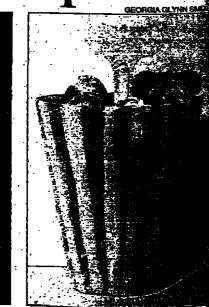
standard push-ins to 9cm by 5cm rectangles suspended from metal legs. Prices start at 90p for ten in black or

At the cheaper end of the range, at £2 for 100 push-ins, there are labels in eight bright colours which are particularly useful for colour-coding dahlia tubers, or groups of plants - so long as you can remember what the codes stand for. In the past 15 years Edwardian-style

labels have become fashionable and

rabbit or hedgehog shapes on a metal pole to stick into the ground (£3.50).





Plain zinc (left) and etched zinc labels (both £5 for ten. Wells and Winter)

minunum of water.

Strawberries grown in pots for early cropping will be sufficiently chilled by now and may be brought under glass.

Put into store for the winter any garden pots or ornaments which are not frost-proof. Lightly mow lawns with a ... lightweight rotary mower only in dry, windy weather. Pick flowering sprigs of winter jasmine, witchharel, Viburnum farreri and Viburnum tinus i

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Haven that came out of the woods

he beauty of a garden in full flush of colour and leaf often masks the problems that a successful gardener has overcome. Beth Chatto, the doyenne of creative problem solvers, is no slouch in that area and has not only overcome the difficul-ties of the site, soil and climate of her Essex garden near Elmstead Market, but she shares the solutions with her garden's visitors.

Her challenging two-hectare (five acre) garden has been since 1960 the breeding ground for her plant ideas and gardening techniques. She has coped with dry sites in full sun, damp sites in shade and sun, and lately with dry shade in the Wood Garden. At every turn, the gardens she has created are evidence of her success in choosing plants adapted to these conditions, that provide the perfect plant solutions for her garden problems.

Although hers is a large palette, the problems she encounters are the same as those found in any garden. I hope that home garden ers can see that we are struggling with the same conditions that they have. In some areas we have great success, but it is often an uneven struggle and not every part of the

garden is perfect," she says. Her latest problem-solving offering is in the Wood Garden, which she opened to the public for the first time this year. The wood, at the property's furthest border, was once her own private refuge, away from the nursery and the rest of the garden. Don't expect to find a totally natural woodland here, rather, what Mrs Chatto describes as "a wood garden where the shade is used to grow plants from woodland situations all around the temperate world, including Russia, Japan, Canada and France. I have combined them so that they provide a seasonal effect".

She began working on this area about six years ago, when storms culled some of the oaks and allowed more light in. There were still problems, however, because the soil was light and sandy, dried quickly and was not humus-rich. In

Problems with site, soil or climate? Beth Chatto has solutions



Beth Chatto: creative doyenne

hot summers seemed at first to preclude the use of choice wood-land plants. There is some extra irrigation into this area now, but even so the real moisture-lovers of the shade brigade, such as rhodo-dendron and blue Himalayan poppies, will not thrive here.

She came to the rescue though, with a list of plants that do fit the bill and will grow well in such a daunting environment. It is at its most colourful in spring and early summer but still has much to offer in autumn and winter when foliage, stems, berries and seedheads provide the dazzle of the display and autumn crocus and snowdrops, in turn, make the ground level glow. Like other parts of her garden, the Wood Garden holds many lessons for fellow gardeners.

For Mrs Chatto, the essential at the start of any new garden project is the improvement of the soil. In this situation it involved the addition of bulky organic compost and, once the plants were in place, a surface mulch, mainly of crushed bark (straw is cheaper) was added beneath trees and shrubs. The mulch, which helps retain moisture, also acts as a weed deterrent and gives an attractive natural look

light in quality and Mrs Chatto uses plants like epimediums, vinca and hellebore, with good foliage and attractive spring and winter flowers, that do well in such soil. Overall, she favours plants with a wide variety of foliage, form and shape, so that there is always something to see, even when the flowers are over. In late winter and early spring, when the oak leaf canopy is non-existent, the main attraction is the ground-cover of snowdrops, species narcissi, dog's tooth lilies, hellebores and aconites. In late spring and early summer.

when leaves shut out the natural light, she switches on the wood's own lighting system using silver, gold and variegated foliage, to provide the spotlights and tall spires of white foxgloves and martagon lilies, the greeny-yellow fists of various euphorbia and the feathery plumes of Aruncus dioicus

to act as glowing torches.

Then, too, fountains of honey-suckle, including Lonicera tellmanniana with its honey-yellow flowers and roses such as Rosa 'Bobby James' and 'Paul Himalayan Musk' in full flower, cascade from tree trunks, scenting the air and filling the view.

ornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire provides red leaves in autumn and red shoots in winter, while Amelanchier lamarckii follows its springtime flowers with a blaze of foliage. Pink-tinged white berries are autumn ornament of the Hupeh rowan, Sorbus hupehensis. Providing flower colour at the higher levels are various forms of Japanese anemone, bugbane (Cimicifuga simplex) and Kirengeshoma palmata, whose shuttlecock-like

flowers hang in clusters.
In any of Mrs Chatto's largescale plantings there are always many layers. The delight for the gardener of small sites, such as patios, basement gardens and back door areas, is that there are usually "take-away" plant combinations at the nursery that can solve the same

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Wood Garden At the furthest boundary of the property honevsuckle and roses gain the high ground via tree trunks, while at ground level snowdrops in spring and striking foliage plants in summer and autumn carry the show forward.

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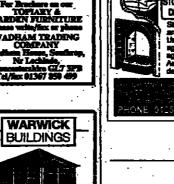
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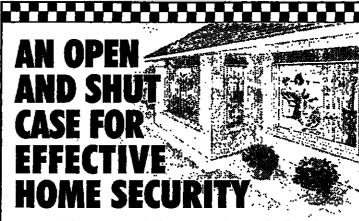


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Hedged in by the meddlers

always smile to myself when city-dwelling friends sigh dreamily and tell me how marvellous it must be to live in the country, "so peaceful, un-changing, eternal". I invariably nod in agreement. Not that I agree, but to shatter their dreams would be as criminal an act as telling a five-year-old that Santa's favourite reindeer was not called Rudolph.

So we come round to the stiffneck season again, brought on by metropolitan Christmas parties where those of us who have nodded in agreement all evening at a barrage of billing and cooing about our imagined lifestyles return home and wonder where this idyll might be found.

There are indeed joys to be derived from a rural life, but peace and permanence are not among them. The changes taking place in almost any aspect of rural life, brought about by what are commonly known as "policies", are every bit as hasty and reckless as those inflicted on towns and cities. The difference is that urbanised areas accommodate them and adapt, rural areas just suffer.

Let us take two typical cases, both of which appeared in the letters you have sent me. They show how changes, which to a city dweller would be part of daily life, have irrevocably destroyed not only parts of the countryside but the lives of individuals. Susan Palmer, writing from

Berkshire, tells how a change in the tree-planting subsidy has affected her. "A change ... from softwood planting to hardwood planting means hundreds of acres of soft woodland have been cleared and foxes, rabbits, muntjac and squirrels have all fled to find new homes. This has meant death to anything outside such as chickens, lambs, small pigs and garden produce."

I suppose if you are a politician, sitting round a table (hardwood) in an urban European setting, there are cogent reasons for switching wood production. And if you are a forestry owner, there is good commercial sense in sending in the grubbers and removing millions of trees. But if these were urban decisions involving the felling of, say, shopping precincts to make way for office blocks, there would be a long period of inquiry, a government inspector's report and a swift period of demolition followed by a frenzied rebuild. It would have been a disruption, a scar on the face of the city for a while, but it would heal. It might also be reversed one day. The countryside does not snap out of it



Rural idyll: the policy in the 1960s and 1970s was for hedgerow removal. Those that have returned will take years to attain their former glory

so quickly. Whereas the faces of towns and cities can be changed at a rate restricted only by the setting time of concrete, the countryside can, at best, take an age to get over

In the comparatively short time that I have lived here (14 years now) we, have been through numerous upheavals in agricultural policy, all impinging upon the landscape, wildlife and our life. Hedgerow removal was the sport in the 1960s and 1970s, prompted by "policy". It is no longer policy, but few of the hedgerows are returning and those that are will not achieve their former glory for a century or more.

Then there was what we thought was a good policy to encourage the preservation and establishment of meadows and grassland. That was fine, until BSF the indirect result of another policy) meant the stock were culled; so now I guess the meadows will ploughed up.

Various policies of subsidy on crops such as linseed and oilseed rape routinely change the appearance of the fields, which would be refreshing were it not for the certain knowledge that each crop brings with it a new. determined chemical regime.

Then there is the stop-go policy of road building. One local farmer with a thriving shop selling the best bread for miles around sold up on confirmed rumours of a bypass. It was cancelled a couple of weeks ago in the Budget. As for weird setaside, how long will that last?

Random and unpredictable upheavals forced Stephen Thomas out. He lived near a cathedral town by hedges. By the time I left, my single acre of orchard was the only one left," he

widespread in applegrowing regions of Europe: it was a subsidy to grub out fruit trees to curb surplus. A typical policy - good on.

writes. This has been

paper, lousy on the land. He goes on: "As the years went by, the plough got nearer to the perimeter of the field in front of my house. Once, some of the road was turned over as the tractor driver sought to cultivate the maximum acreage. Bridleways went the same way. The hares disappeared, fewer

greenfinches formed their squadin Kent. "Behind me rons in late summer. Rows of lay 146 acres of orchard, and in front of alders were hacked down and grubbed out this summer." Mr the house were several hundred mainly Thomas has now gone to live by the sea, on the principle that at least arable acres bounded they cannot plough that up.

The countryside has always been changing, but now the pace is so great it cannot keep up. And although farmers and landowners are often blamed, they are not the real culprits. Except in a small number of cases of determined vandalism, they are financially driven, of necessity, and respond only to policy. I dread the coming election because there will be an endless churning out of new poli-cies. I can confidently predict that they will sound terrific. On paper.

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FEATHER REPORT

Wrong time of year for romance

IS IT winter or is it spring? One left it too late. The cormorant swalmorning last week I was passing a large lake when I heard the typical clicking sound made by great crested grebes when they are courting. I looked out, and therewere a couple of grebes in the middle of a full spring courtship display. They were facing each other, necks held erect, and waggling their heads seductively as they looked past their sharp beaks into each other's eyes.

The bizarre thing was that they were in complete winter plumage Normally when they court each: other in this way they have rich orange ruffs that tremble as they shake their heads. But these birds were in their black and white striped winter guise, without a trace of a ruff to be seen. No doubt the mild weather at the beginning of last week had encouraged them.

Otherwise, the birds on the lake had more of a wintry character. There were about 20 cormorants sitting on a raft, some holding their wings out to dry like washing on a line. These are winter visitors from

From time to time one would drop into the water on a fishing expedition, and an interesting epi-sode developed from one of these sorties. The cormorant came up with a small, shining fish and instantly a herring gull that had been coasting by started hovering above. It had seen the fish and hoped to get it, and hovered as professionally as a kestrel might have done. The cormorant tossed the fish up and down once or twice, and the gull must have been optimistic about stealing it. But being wary of the cormorant's dagger-like beak, it

lowed the fish in a gulp and sank underwater again.

Another winter visitor swam out from behind an island - a drake goldeneye, instantly distinguishable by the round white checkpatch on its green head. It was a long way out, but its bright yellow eye was clearly visible — and when a chestnut-headed female swam out to join it, her gleaming eye was just as conspicuous. They dived and disappeared again and again.

THE OTHER notable bird that morning was a water rail. They are found here all year round, but their numbers are swelled by migrants from the Continent in autumn. They spend most of their time lurking in the reeds, but with larger numbers about and many of the reeds battered down, this is the time of year to see them.

This bird suddenly appeared climbing over a thick wodge of brown reeds at the edge of the water. I had a wonderful view of its long red beak, its flanks striped purple and white, and its cocked tail like its relative the moorhen, it vanished almost at once into a tuft of green reeds. But following that it felt like a winter's morning after all.

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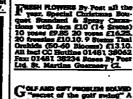


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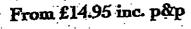
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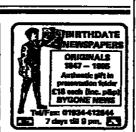


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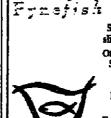


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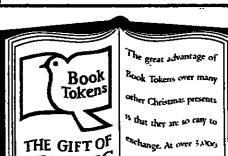
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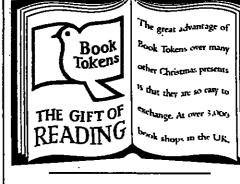
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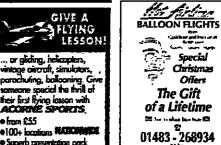
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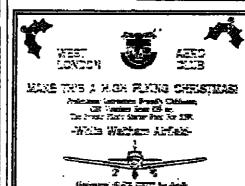
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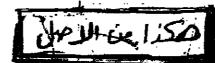
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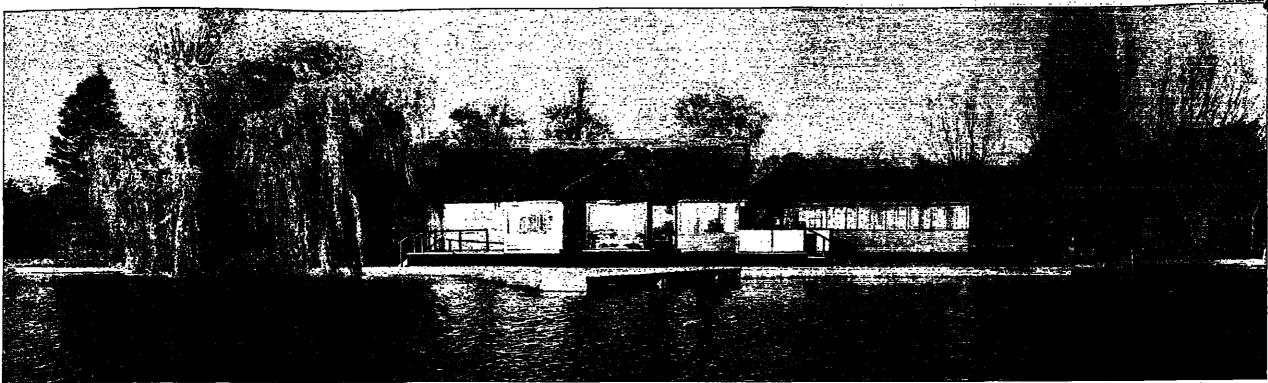
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A turn-of-the-century boathouse on the Norfolk Broads has become a splendid five-bedroom retreat



Sheerwater can be reached by land but is best approached by boat. The house, which has a strong nautical theme, is for sale through Savills at £325,000. Since the nearest house is 400 yards away, peace seems guaranteed

Window on a waterworld

launch swung out into Wrozham Broad, marsh harrier coasted steadily above the silvery water. A family of moorhens bobbed and ducked, not far from a crested grebe. It is possible to walk to Sheerwater through a woodland path but by far the best way to approach this truly enticing house is by boat. We left our car at the finger-end of an inlet, and five minutes gentle motoring had the whole broad in view, with Sheerwater at its northern end. The Norfolk Broads, long

assumed to be a natural feature, are now thought by some to be the result of medieval peat-diggings. Whatever their origin, they are a haven for sailors and lovers of wildlife. Sheerwater offers a remarkable setting for exploring this corner of England.

I spent the summers of my youth on the lakes in Maine, England reminded me so much of those idyllic days as this Norfolk retreat.

Built as a wet boat house with living accommodation at the turn of the century, the house has gradually become a five-bedroom home while still retaining a strong nautical flavour: it is pine-panelled throughout.

Wooden houses are unusual in Britain, but this one, with its roof of sturdy Norfolk reed, seems as much made of glass, with enormous windows on both sides of the house. Even at the close of a winter afternoon. Sheerwater was filled with dazzling light.



The kitchen has pale oak cabinets and blue-tiled work surfaces

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Sheerwater, Wroxham, Norfolk ● Price: £325,000 ● Setting: eight miles NE of Norwich (regular trains from London Liverpool Street; journey time approximately two hours) Shopping. Norwich, not renowned for nightlife, offers museums, theatre and a fine cathedral. Wroxham has shops, banks and a sailing club on the River Bure, which connects with the Broads network. Heaving shopping onto a boat, rather than bus, does make a nice change but the seasick-prone, beware.

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deck and climbed out onto the quay heading which juts out over the broad; already I could imagine summer afternoons lazing on the deck. A walk around this long, slim house (a design that gives most rooms

We lashed our launch to the windows facing both north eck and climbed out onto the and south) reveals its two faces: there is a strip of woodland at the back, with weeping willows and swamp cypresses, that overlooks another narrow cut of water where wet and dry boathouses

can be found. The area, including this inlet, is about 3.4 acres, and the nearest house is 400 yards away - peace and quiet seem guaranteed. But it was only on entering the house that I truly appreciated its extraordinary situation. The sitting room, 30ft

> broad that stretches uninterrupted for nearly a mile. The pine panelling is painted white, the carpet is creamy pale; a comfortable green sofa stretches out in front of the largest, southern-facing window as if it were a giant screen - and it is. Who would need television or cinema when you could sit here for hours, watching the birds and the water

across, faces south, east and

west — there is glass all

around, and a view down the

and darkening sky? A thun-derstorm would be a son et There is no fire, but plenty of new radiators; although Sheerwater does have the feel of a summerhouse it seemed as if it would be cosy in winter too — if you didn't mind a chilly cruise first to reach it.

The master bedroom, also

south, west and north; a shipwright has installed a fine teak surface at the north wall and a porcelain sink, reinforcing the impression of a partic-

ularly spacious cabin. This is by far the best of the bedrooms; the other four are small and serviceable, though with good fitted cupboards and drawers for storage. In the smaller bedrooms (particularly the easternmost, at present painted mint green), the panelling can seem a little overwhelming, even if you are happy to imagine yourself on

This is particularly easy in the last two bedrooms to the east, for they are just off a narrow corridor that faces the broad; it has windows, not portholes, but otherwise perfectly calls to mind the deck of

Each end of the house has a good expanse of south-facing verandah; this is a home where it would be just as easy to be outdoors as in. The lowceilinged master bathroom

decorated in white, faces has been modernised but retains sturdy green fixtures that look as if they date from the 1950s (was this the colour that came before avocado?) and has a wooden parquet floor, the smaller, eastern bathroom

The 30ft sitting room has glass all around and an uninterrupted view of the broad for nearly a mile. Even in winter it is filled with light

has an inviting sunken bath. The kitchen, which, like the bathrooms, was given a thorough overhaul by the present owners, is a wonderful room, with windows north and south, a generous expanse of blue-tiled work surface and pale oak cabinets.

There is an electric hob -Sheerwater is not connected to gas. But its new owner won't have any water bills — it draws its own supply from a borehole, and in the bootroom/workroom off the kitchen, a water treatment cylinder nestles next to the new electric boiler. Kitchen and bathrooms are

not all that has been renewed. The present owner, a restaurant designer, bought the house in 1988, and since then has rewired and replumbed the property entirely, as well as redressing the thatch. The house is long past the fragile impermanence of the boathouse accommodation that was its beginning.

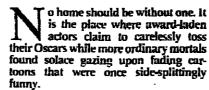
This is a house to buy for space and light - for mornings boating on Wroxham broad, and afternoons watching the sun set over the water. It would be bought in the knowledge that there will be no others like it - planning permission for such a house would never be given now, and it is surely destined to

remain in isolated splendour. The price tag of £325,000 is not small, certainly for Norfolk; but it would be a privilege to live here. A visit to Sheerwater was an escape to silence and the natural world that seems barely separated from the house itself: there is nothing between you and the wood and water but thin

We cast off from the quay as the sun began to set. Behind us, the windows flashed like jewels, like the glittering broad, in the low winter light.

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For others with a more practical bent a downstairs lavatory is a necessity. If a small child is caught short the extra scramble to get upstairs to the bathroom could spell disaster, while the potential for family rows is high if one bathroom has to serve in the pre-school, pre-work rush hour. A convenient convenience is also so

much more handy when entertaining. and you can spare your guests the embarrassment of stumbling about upstairs trying to find the right door to the If you are selling your house, a

downstairs lavatory is an asset you should show off to prospective buyers, say estate agents. It may be the proverbial smallest room but has a universal appeal. Over a certain price level, many buyers insist on it.

An extra lavatory is also a helpful addition for househunters who may be elderly or perhaps less mobile and find



A downstairs cloakroom adds value

climbing stairs more difficult. And a downstairs cloakroom is also a logical addition if you are offering your house for sale with the potential for an extrabedroom on the ground floor.

in the popularity stakes adding an extra lavatory or whole bathroom ranks as the third most common addition by home owners, behind the perennial attractions of a new kitchen or double

It may also enhance the value, particularly if you can squeeze in a lavatory in an unused space such as under the stairs or in a basement and do not need to sacrifice room anywhere else.

The cost of installing an extra lavatory will vary considerably depending on the case of access to outside drains and cold water supply, but you can expect to pay around £500. The cost of the lavatory itself will start at around £100 - much more if you have a penchant for a mahogany loo seat or gold

You can even squeeze in an extra loo in a more difficult space such as a cellar. A loo with a special pumping unit attached can overcome the problem of the room being below ground level or some

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GARAGES in London can cost 50 per cent more per square foot than the residential properties around them, according to agent Douglas & Gordon in Chelsea. The firm recently sold a garage in Chelsea for £70,000 on a

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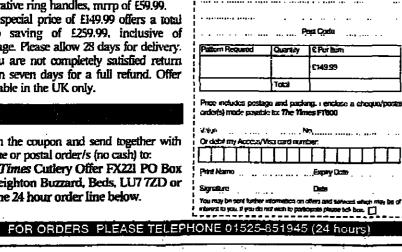


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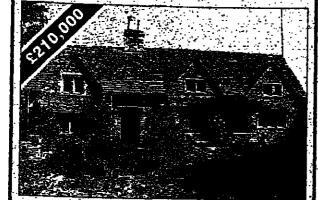
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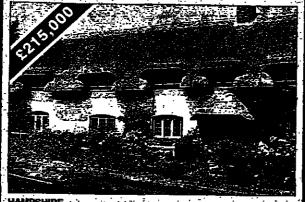


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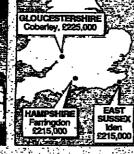


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wards are great.

Today, the recovering housing market is encouraging more people to take on old houses whose condition might once have put them off.

Business has been brisk for estate agents. Cluttons of Oxford reports the sale of 13 properties needing substantial restoration since the spring, from country cottages to farmhouses. But it recommends not buying an old building unless you are prepared to accept its particular character, warts

You must adapt to a house, rather than trying to iron it into the shape you want, says Philip Venning, the secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), founded by William Morris

The SPAB publishes a list of buildings for sale of historic interest and in need of repair, and Save Britain's Heritage sells 2,000 copies of its annual report of 150 properties at risk. The agent Pavilions of Splendour specialises in selling listed buildings and ruins.

When you have decided on your area it is worth contacting the local conservation officer, because many councils keep a register of houses needing restoration and owners.

Once you have found the house, be sure you realise the extent of the work you will have to do, because these houses can be bottomless pits, and inevitably you will discover more needs to be done than you anticipate at the outset.

Get to know the property thoroughly. The more you know about it the easier it will be for you to brief a professional adviser or builder. Look. for anything that might shed light on how the property was built and of problems which may have been dealt with successfully long ago.

Take as much advice as possible.

Contact the SPAB (which runs week-end advisory courses), the Georgian Group, or the Victorian Society, all of which can advise on anything from specialist workmen to restoration



Mark and Gillian Archer outside Ringfield House in Fownhope, Herefordshire, restored for £60,000 and with the help of a council grant

techniques. Historic Housecheck provides a yearly site inspection for members as well as a helpline.

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Seek advice from a surveyor who is expert in that sort of house and period, says John Gibson, of estate agent Savills. "The potential faults in a timber-frame house are completely different from those in a brick house. and the danger is that a nonspecialist will either over-worry or miss serious faults," he says.

specialist surveyor can advise on about how much to pay for the house by calculating its residual value: its worth when finished minus the projected cost of the restoration.

If the building is listed you need building consent for any work, inside or out, which affects the character of the building. Contact your local conservation officer to discuss whether an application is necessary.

Funding for such work can be hard to come by. Grants from English Heritage are available only for Grade I and II* properties.

But the news is not all bad. Lenders are now more willing to consider funding delapidated properties. The Ecology Building Society, for example, specialises in mortgages for properties in need of renovation. And some councils provide alternative forms of funding, such as grants for energy conservation.

Once you have bought the property, Ian Homersham of John D. Wood says, start with the essentials, even though the results might not be so obvious. "Get all possible work done before you move in. Don't think that you will do phase one and live in it, because by the time phase two comes along you could suffer severe disrup-

Mr Venning of the SPAB adds: "Remember that a house will have problems, such as damp, for a reason; not just because it is old. There are lots of materials, such as timber, which have survived and are strong, even though they may look moth-eaten. Find the reason for a problem before trying to solve it."

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"We love old houses and liked the idea of bringing one back to life," says Dr Archer, who works in the City of London and has just become treasurer of the SPAB. "My wife works for the National Trust, so we are both interested in conservation rather than inappropriate restoration "

The couple's bank advised them that the house they had their eyes on was a potentially ruinous liability, but they were not put off. Dr Archer says: "It was in the recession. Banks and building societies were very wary of any

almost impossible to get a mortgage and house insurance." The couple learnt the benefits of taking expert advice early on.

property in poor repair. It was

They were advised by one struc-

tural engineer to strip off all the plaster to inspect the timber frame underneath. "It would have been unnecessary. There's too much alarmist advice handed out about old buildings. We tried to repair as much as possible and replace as little as we could."

The couple got a conservation grant of £3,000 for some of the work after contacting Hereford and Worcester district council.

"THE HOUSE hadn't been lived in for eight years but was structurally sound. The work took about nine months and cost about £60,000 in total," Dr Archer says. Much of the task involved

undoing poor work which had been done before, but they did find a few surprises: two fireplaces with Georgian grates and the original roof and pilasters of a Georgian porch, which they intend to rebuild.

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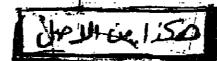
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Inner-city residential areas are up-and-coming. Rachel Kelly looks at the rebirth of Clerkenwell



Development of Clerkenwell is taking on an American flavour with abandoned factories being converted into loft-style flats, echoing New York's trendy SoHo area

ome call it London's new Notting Hill. Others label it the capital's version of TriBeCa or SoHo in New York. Whatever you dub it, Clerkenwell has become the focus of property

developers and the fashionable set. The former industrial buildings of the area close to the City, encompassing Smithfield and some City fringes, are being transformed, blurring the line dividing residential west London and professional east London.

One of the busiest developers in the area is Bee Bee Developments, creator of some of the most dramatic loft conversions. It has recently bought the Clerkenwell Estate, a shabby eight-acre site, to refurbish tenanted commercial buildings and turn others into homes.

Alfie Buller, who works for the company, says: People now want to live in central London again. The inner city is coming back to life. I am moving to Clerkenwell because it is

such good value with a village feel. "When you think that by the year 2003 the country will need four towns the size of Milton Keynes to cope with the demand for housing, it's vital that places like Clerkenwell start living again. The development of inner cities is helping to stop the cancer of urban sprawl."

Jon Spitteri owns the St John Restaurant in Clerkenwell, which occupies about half a block by Smithfield. "In terms of space Clerkenwell is perfect," he says. "People are fed up with the traditional residential areas and want to move away yet still be in touch. There is a cosmopolitan mix of people here -City workers rub shoulders with artists and architects. It's unpretentious and refreshing."

A hint of New York area known for its artisan workshops and studios, had been used as a printing works for more than 80 years. "We do not believe that we could have found such an unusual to the printing works for more than we could have found such an unusual to the second have found as the second have found hav in old London town

Ben Richardson is the managing director of Metro Imaging, a company specialising in photographic processing, and has been in the area for eight years. There is a creative, media-orientated atmosphere in Clerkenwell," he says. "It makes urban living interesting, and although the area can sometimes seem a bit grotty in places, it has managed to retain a certain charm."

Stephen Hurford, of the estate agent Hurford Salvi & Carr, emphasises the area's convenience.

You live in a community, but yet you can walk to the City in five minutes. while Soho is only 15 minutes away. The place is really taking off. We have 17 developments going on, and have already sold two. It is going wild. The nlace is alive."

Developments include a new scheme in St John Street by The City Loft Company. Flats in the first phase are being sold for £100 a square foot. The building was previously the Dr Scholl shoe factory. Built in the 1950s. in red brick with steel frame windows, 20 flats are planned, with parking spaces in the basement. There will be four split-level pent-houses, thanks to the addition of two

Other developers include Pamlion Properties, which, with Frogmore,



Lindsay Etchells: struck by strong sense of community

has several sites. Another developer is Manhattan Lofts, which pioneered development with its Summer Street conversion in 1992.

New RiverHead, a joint venture by the Berkeley Group, Manhattan Lofts and Thames Water, has flats on: Rosebery Avenue from £100,000 in a

six-storey Grade II listed building. Residents praise the area. Hilary Gibbs, a wine merchant, has lived here for 14 years. "Although we miss out on greenery and parks, Clerkenwell is central and conve-

nient." she says. "I love living here. While you are not constantly bumping into people you know, there is a relatively stable population. Many of the old shops. are still run by the same people, which means that you get the service. My dry cleaner will deliver if I am too busy to pick it up."

n August 1994, Lindsay Etchells and her partner moved from a flat in Balham, south London, to a derelict building in Clerkenwell. Despite its inner-city location the couple believe that the place has maintained its village atmosphere.

"Since moving in we have been struck by the strong sense of community that exists among residents of all ages and backgrounds, which everyone is committed to maintain-

ing." they say.
In July there is the annual Clerkenwell festival, which includes concerts, tea dances and a traditional

The Etchells' house, typically in an

building with so much potential anywhere else."

It was this mix of residential alongside commercial premises that drew the couple to Clerkenwell, believing that it would have a more confinental feel to it.

We thought the area would have a different atmosphere during the week when it is bustling with workers. compared with the weekends. This has been the case and the weekends are extremely quiet and pleasant.

they say.

The area is well served by local shops and businesses. "Clerkenwell has strong associations with the Italian community and there are some superb and friendly family-run Italian delis close by. There are also some excellent

restaurants and more appear to be opening by the day. After working long hours, there is nothing better than walking home in ten minutes and if the fridge is bare, popping into The Peasant or Stephen Bull for a

The couple have only one fear: that the area's increasing popularity and trendiness will adversely affect its character. "Part of Clerkenwell's attraction is that it is a mixed innercity community with all that entails. It is not another Hampstead or Highgate village and hopefully never will be."

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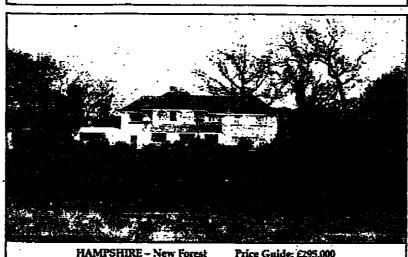
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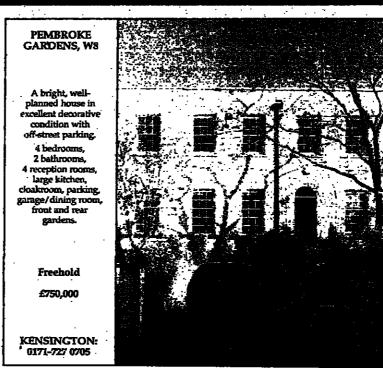
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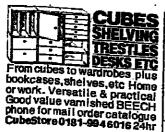


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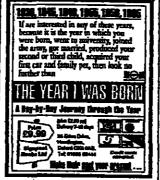
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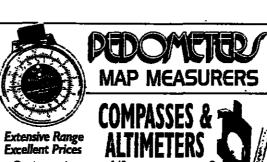
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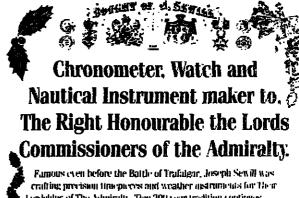
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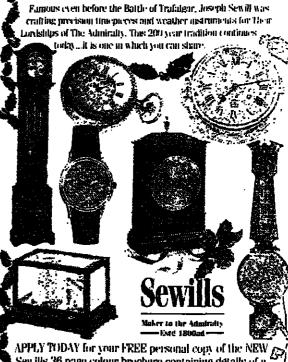
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The tear duct is a tiny A tube leading from the inside corner of the eye to the back of the nose - an overflow pipe for tears. If it is blocked the tears overflow, dry on the hair and turn brown on exposure to air. Your vet could carry out a dye test to see if the ducts are blocked. It is possible to anacsthetise a dog so that the vet can pass a probe to re-open a blocked duct.

O tought sandpaper-covered perches for my budgie. Bert, to keep his nails worn down but he tears them to pieces and I'm sure he eats some. Why does he do this and will it harm him?

Budgies chew -- espe-A cially bored ones. Bert's got nothing to do all day when you are out. I don't think the sandpaper will harm him the sand provides extra grit. Twi2s or branches from fruit trees, hazel or willow would be better and cheaper. He could chew the bark with total safety and gripping these natural perches would be excellent exercise for his toes and manicure his nails as well. Best of all, think about getting another bird as

Our rabbits — Bill and Ben — had colds. Our vet diagnosed "snuffles", gave them an antibiotic injection and powder to put in the drinking water. They're better, but Bill has a yellow lischarge from his nose Could the children catch anything from him?

"Snuffles" is common in A rabbits and almost impossible to eradicate. Most infected rabbits manage to live with their infection and have a happy, if snuffly, life. It's a rabbit problem — no risk

JAMES ALLCOCK

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Christmas is coming and the children want a pet. Jill Parkin has advice not to be sneezed at

Pets for allergic families

t is time to nobble Father Christmas on behalf of all those parents who sneeze and splutter when they are around fur and feather. The chap with the long beard (nasty itchy thing) must show more imagination when it comes to giving pets to children. My daughter, aged five, wants something small and furry to look

after. Her baby brother is proving hard to domesticate, so she wants a more tractable creature. In principle, I am in favour. Pets teach children about responsibility and caring. I do not want to stunt her psychological growth.

But I am allergic to a lot of household pets. Cats, dogs, cockatiels — you name it, they reduce me to a runny-nosed, sneezing heap. Even my step-daughter's jodhpurs set me off. I never go to a petowner's house without my homeopathic dust-drops.

There are many of us about. We are triggered by the hair, by the mites, by the dust. It is worse than it used to be because central heating is now common, which means pets are in a year-round moult.

If you are allergic, your choice of pet is decidedly limited. As a child I buried more goldfish than the next door neighbour's dog did bones. And fins and scales are not cuddly. It did not teach me how to care, just how to make crosses out of lolly

The good news to pass on to Santa is that there are breeds and species less likely to bother us sensitive types. Those genteel old ladies with their pet poodles are in the know. Poodles — and the poodle-like bichon frisė - have a wool coat, rather than hair. They need trimming, but they hardly moult. Good for the houseproud and the rhinitis sufferer.

So are old English sheepdogs, curly coated retrievers. Irish water spaniels and Kerry blues, which look like a terrier. The only doggy house where I can sit down to a meal without a box of tissues is home to a curly retriever. It also has no fitted carpets, lots of open windows and a big garden. If dogs make you sneeze, the

chances are cats will send you into orbit, even if you are sensible enough not to touch them. Cats delight in spotting allergic guests and jumping onto their laps. The only cat breeds we should consider are Cornish and Devon rexes.

Santa would need a stout sack for the pet which Anne McLoughlin, of



Roger Meek with an Australian blue tongue skink. He says: "Skinks are allergy free, easy to look after and like being held"

the British Veterinary Zoological Society, recommends. "I've never heard of anyone who is allergic to white rats. They make good pets. They like people and respond to

Rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas and chipmunks are all highly allergenic, and cats tend to be more so than dogs. Caged birds can be bad too, because of their feather dust and the seed husks of the food

Remember that even if you go for something like a gerbil or a guinea pig, which are not as bad, you may still be affected by their bedding. If hay and straw affect you, they would be no good either. "I've never heard of allergies to

fish or reptiles. But remember that reptiles have a long life. A hamster dies after a couple of years. A

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tortoise can live for 80 years," Ms McLoughlin says. So before you buy an iguana for your child. remember it will not leave home before they go to university.

t this time of year, the RSPCA repeats its chant "a pet is for life not just for Christmas", but its advice on exotic fish and reptiles is worth bearing in mind. You should find out what the creature's needs are and whether your home can meet them before you buy. Even if you never sneeze, providing live young rabbits for supper every day could prove a bit of a bind.

But, according to Roger Meek, a reptile specialist at Huddersfield Technical College, the bluetongued Australian skink is an

"Allergy-free and easy to look after," he enthuses. "They're omnivorous. And, unlike most reptiles, they're not nervous. They like being held. We have girls on animal care courses here who cradle them like babies. They're about a foot long, excluding the tail. Lovely temperament. So has the

Royal python."

In the end, there is one sure allergy test."Road-test the animal." says Dr Ann McBride, of the Anthrozoology Institute of South-ampton University "Go along to the breeder, the pet shop or another owner, handle the animal and see what happens. It's extremely upsetting for owner and animal if a new home has to be found."

An expert in aggression in rabbits, among other things, she recommends waiting until your

child is seven or eight before buying a small soft pet. The family dog is fine, but little children have no idea how hard they are gripping or how much force they are using. That can lead to fear and aggression in the animals," she says.

And an allergy-free pet when the child is bigger? "Rats are very good. Highly intelligent." Call me narrow-minded, but I cannot bring myself round to the idea of a pet rat. Meantime, the woman in our local pet shop suggests a gerbil or an angora goat — kept outside — for my daughter.

Even gerbils make me sneeze. That is why, during the school holidays, I once filled my mother's casserole dish with warm water and resorted to shampooing our class pet. It will have to be the goat. And probably a very big dish.





Christopher: found in a ditch

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t could be tricky to write objectively about kinesiol-L ogy, a therapy which tests muscles to analyse an individual's health. When I left my chosen kinesiologist, Jane Gothard, she kissed me goodbye.

Though we had never met before, I had bonded for two hours with the supremely sympathetic Ms Gothard, so the farewell did not seem odd. But it is hard to disentangle feelings about the treatment and my liking for her

She is a bloode New Zealander of 34 who turned to kinesiology when she was covered in eczema and acne and conventional medicine had failed. Six weeks after visiting a kinesiologist and abandoning dairy products, red meat, caffeine and alcohol her complexion turned to the peaches-and-cream perfection that it is today. That was nine

She spent £3,000 training for two years with the Association of Systematic Kinesiology and has been practising for five years.

The system was devised in 1964 by Dr George J. Goodheart, an American chiropracter. Even conventional doctors test the strength and range of movement of muscle-damaged patients. Kinesiologists do the same tests by holding a limb aloft to isolate a relevant muscle elsewhere and getting the patient to pull in the opposite direction. They part company with conventional doctors when they claim that the way a limb resists pressure reveals the patient's general, rather than ust their muscular, health.

If a limb responds weakly, then there is an imbalance in a corresponding organ. If the limb can resist the pressure, then the corresponding body part is healthy. The kinesiologist investigates the various organs and finds hidden im-

Like acupuncturists, kinesiologists believe that a balanced body runs on an unimpeded flow of energy. Each of the important organs and systems is fuelled by one of 12 energy channels or meridians, which combine to form an energetic network which links the mind, organs,

muscles and body systems. Excess stress can block a meridian, which leads to weakness or imbalance in the related body parts, which register in the muscle that is

linked to them. The kinesiologist ciaims to correct these weaknesses by applying pressure to points on the body. especially the lymph glands, to stimulate blood, lymph and energy

The good bit is that in theory you immediately feel immediately feel better after a visif and a rub to

the lymph glands. The bad bit is that part of the treatment to rebalance those misbehaving organs is nutritional, and this can mean abandoning some of your favourite things.

I lay flat on a couch in Ms Gothard's serene sitting room and enjoyed her bedside manner and hoped she could help reduce my stress and clear my complexion. Kinesiologists claim to cure tiredness, digestive problems, aches, stiffness, migraines, skin problems and anxiety, but they never diag-



prodded my chest, stomach and throat with her other

RACHEL KELLY me," she instructed.

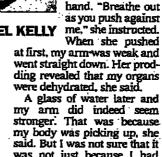
A glass of water later and my arm did indeed seem stronger. That was because my body was picking up, she said. But I was not sure that it was not just because I had subconsciously pushed harder the second time round, per-haps to please her that the theory was working.

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Flexing muscles: Jane Gothard working with a patient

Kinesiology

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weakening an organ. So Ms Gothard placed a variety of I held up my suspect foods in my mouth outstretched arm and did the familiar beforeand resisted gentle and-after arm pushing routine to see the response. pressure from Ms

Oh, what a bore! She says I am sensitive to wheat and more particularly pasta. So no more spaghetti carbonara or vongole for that matter. And, curses, butter too.

I had earlier been bloodtested for food intolerances and wheat was not one of them, so I am not altogether convinced. But when I list what I had eaten the day before - wholemeal toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, a mince pie for tea and pasta for supper — I take Ms Gothard's point that a few wheat-free days would make sense and to try porridge for breakfast.

Like every beauty editor, she recommended drinking more water. "Not fizzy, as that just fills you up with carbon dioxide. Remember that one cup of coffee means you get rid of double that fluid from the body." I tested well for vitamin C and vitamin A which pumped up my arm power. So she prescribed taking plenty more of them.

er final diagnosis was that my adrenal system and immune systerns were both low, and could be helped by stimulating my lymph glands which would help clear the system of toxins. She suggested rubbing in a circular motion up the inside thigh to release toxic blockages in the glands.

She did so herself on my behalf and golly it hurt. The zlands become tenderised as they get blocked up, she said. Get your husband to do it at home," she added.

One of the virtues of the theory, says Dr John English, a Salisbury GP who uses kinesiology, is that it encourages people to treat them-selves. A helpful husband is even more useful. Had mine been a believer, I would have probably got more lymph rubbing done. As it was, I have settled for porridge for breakfast. And yes, I do feel more energetic, and I am not just saying that because I like Ms Gothard.

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change of clothes in a bag, assemble my son and his panda and my jewellery and the box containing my love letters (an exasperated friend once observed that I pack for a weekend away as though fleeing from a Mongol Horde). Then I put the lot in the car, and head for the M40. If we leave by ten at the absolute latest on Friday morning we could be there in time for lunch and a troll around the antique shops, easy.

In fact, none of this happens, because I become gripped with the

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paralysing separation anxiety that always moves in when I am to be away from my house for more than a few hours. I may be sick of London and longing to wake up to the sound of birdsong and the bracing report of shotgun fire, but there are, I decide, with the irrefutable meta-logic of the hopelessly deranged, many unpleasant and time-consuming tasks that have to be performed before I can even consider double-locking the front door and waving goodbye to

Greenwich for four whole days. First I must drive to Sainsbury's and buy roquefort and Parma ham and tapenade and focaccia and chocolat meunier and quanti-

these things are not to be had in don't say that word." "Thank you so much for reminding me, dar-Burford. (The fact that we are going to stay with my son's ling"), heave all the shopping out godmother, whose opinions on the of the boot (with a view to putting need to have vast amounts of most of it back again later) and alcohol and nourishing food availchange the sheets and wash the able at all times precisely reflect floors, so as not to return to a

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grimy house — so depressing. Washing the floors takes for-ever, because Alexander is keen to conviction that there is nothing good in the country - or if there is, help and has to be dissuaded with ever more taxing flights of imaginative fantasy. Look, I say, you are ing forgotten, naturally, to fill up Admiral Lord Nelson and this chair is his ship, HMS Victory. with petrol at the supermarket) and, cursing volubly (Mummy, and here is the sea (slosh, slosh

with the mop). And panda can be Captain Hardy, and together you are sailing the Victory to the Battle of Trafalgar and no. darling. no don't get off the chair because you're the Admiral and if you do then, er, Boney will get you and so you won't win the battle and be the saviour of your nation, now will you? "You don't want to be the saviour of your nation," says Alexander, who still hasn't got personal pronouns sussed. Oh dear, well, um, what would you like to be? "You want to be Mummy, and wash the floor."

Eventually, at 4pm, when I have polished the inside of the piano lid and disinfected the underneath of the loo cistern and gouged all the crumbs out of the oven door hinges with a kebab skewer and in fact Mrs Tittlemouse herself could not find fault with the state of my

housekeeping, we make a move.
I consider calling Carriona to tell her we might be a shade late, but decide it sounds mad to say that I couldn't leave home without doing the dusting and laying in a bootload of provisions in case her larder should be bare. Alexander has by now caught the general tone of lacrimae rerum. "Goodbye, house," he says as we pull away from the kerb, in the

mournful accents of the Israelites leaving for Babylon.

In fact, of course, we aren't going anywhere much. There is Friday afternoon gridlock all over London. Snailing past Park Royal tube station, I buy an Evening Standard from a bloke at the roadside to remind Catriona of the vibrant London life she is doubtless missing already, having been in the Cotswolds for 24 hours. But the paper has taken a curious turn for the rustic. Features pages are given over to articles on huntin'

and shootin'. Surrounded by the metallic grind of a thousand cars proceeding westwards in first gear, the hallooing of our enraged fellow motorists ringing invigoratingly in our ears, we make good our escape

JANE SHILLING

MARTIN RICKETT

Tyrannised by that flickering screen

Some parents ban TV; others allow their children to gawp endlessly.

Judy Goodkin sits on the fence

t eight o'clock every Thursday evening, I sit down with my nine and ten-vearold daughters to watch the latest instalment of Animal Hospital, a clean and jolly programme presented by the clean and jolly Rolf Harris.

I promote Animal Hospital (and other wholesome programmes) because it is safe; I know Rolf will never take his clothes off, behave violently or form any dubious relationships. But I encourage it even more because it allows me to demonstrate to my children that while our viewing may be regulated, TV reception poor and the attic where we sit cold and draughty, we too are members of the televisionwatching population.

In my heart I know our membership hangs by a rapidly fraying thread and that my daughters would change their address tomorrow if only they could go and live in the Matlin household. There. three of the five colour televisions are permanently switched on, each with the volume turned full up. Nineyear-old Gideon cites London's Burning as his favourite programme while his sister Simone, at only six, freely watches the programme my daughters may only share in vicariously: Neighbours.

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Michael and Linda Matlin. who both work in sales, live in a neat close of modern houses in north Manchester with their two children, five television sets and a satellite dish. It is difficult to say when the family's daily viewing begins and ends as it is not unusual for them to go to bed with the television on, fall asleep and find the breakfast shows ready to greet them first thing the next morning. The children eat TV-breakfasts and TVsuppers, switching on the Sky

cartoon network as soon as they come home from school: Often a video is the last image their eyes will see before falling asleep at night. "I suppose we should read them a bedtime story but we are just worn out parents who need a rest," says Michael.

What began as background noise "the way people used to regard radio" has become a vital prop to the Matlins' family life and there is no discernible effort to limit the ren watch. TV makes life easier for us. We come in tired in the evenings and I want a quiet life, I don't want to fight with them. As far as we're concerned they can use their leisure time as they wish. That's not to say they can watch filthy programmes at any hour of the night, but at the end of a hard day neither of us is going to start making biscuits with them or Blue Peter models."

The children seem contented, the parents relaxed. There is no banning, no bargaining nor any of the simmering resentment which my children direct at me. Linda would like Gideon to read more and while she admits it is not always easy to wrench him away from the screen to do his homework, as long as he is sociable and popular she feels vindicated.

Television is just as central to the Cullerier family of north London: in their home all external broadcasts are banned. Jacques, a retired doctor, and his wife Estelle decided to raise their only child, Sarah (now ten) in a television-free environment. Their impulse seemed flawless, in theory. "Without wishing to sound too philosophical, at the end of your life you hope to have achieved a balance between useful hours and wasted



Switched ou: Simone Mattin, six, and her brother Gideon, nine, have a choice of five television sets to watch; it is not unusual for them to co to bed and fall asleep with the TV on

hours. On which side of the scale would you put television?" asks Jacques. "What is raising a child if not educating her to choose what is valuable and discard what is not?"

n practice, once Sarah hit seven she began to feel painfully different. TV is a big issue at school, the soaps especially," explains Estelle. "We did not want her to be without any cultural reference points. So to make her life easier we bought a TV, removed the receiver and use the hollow monitor to screen musical comedies and nature videos at appropriate times." While Sarah still grumbles

occasionally, on good days the compromise seems to work. In return for the next-best-thing to real TV, Sarah must accept that her parents are her programmers. She is free to choose what she likes within the range we offer. Our choice may be limited but at least it is our own choice and no one

Jacques insists that Sarah is more creative, more discriminating and has a greater range of inner resources to draw on than her television-watching peers. In the hours they have reclaimed for her, Sarah reads, studies ballet, practises the piano and eats her meals at the table with her parents

where they make a point of engaging her in conversation. But no home can be hermetically sealed. "Rubbish will find its way in," shrugs Estelle. Sarah has carte blanche when it comes to radio and has found her way unerringly to

the Spice Girls. The Matlins and the Culleriers are poles apart yet oddly similar: both have nailed their colours to the mast and everyone knows where they stand. Although I am convinced most programmes are worthless or worse and that it makes a poor babysitter, television remains part of the common currency connecting us with our fellow man and I

find I cannot turn my back on it completely. So I sit teetering on the fence while my daughters never see enough of the "right" programmes to keep up with their friends. Instead, they watch and feel deprived, the worst of both worlds.

she encounters.

sermons which make the heart want to sing.

While I continue to tie myself in knots, Gideon and Simone have seen most of the adult world laid bare before them and appear to take it in their stride. According to their mother, "they cotton on pretty quickly about which charac-

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wrong to go off with someone else". Even so, there is one programme they will never watch: The one where dogs with halitosis are taken to see the vet. What kind of nutters watch Animal Hospital?"

Ruth Gledhill enjoys a taste of tradition at a Highland refuge in the heart of Knightsbridge

A fine performance of Scottish pomp



THE CHURCH was around us were nearly all Scottish, the service was Scottish, and the sermon was preached by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Normally a drive of several

hundred miles would be needed for such an event, yet this rare treat was to be had in the heart of Knightsbridge. The Moderator, the Right Rev John McIndoe, was making the annual St Andrewstide visit to London, and during his tour would meet the Prime Minister, the Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the president of the Methodist conference, as well as visit London's centre for homeless Scots. Although profoundly Scottish him-

self, his two-week visit, interrupted only by an overnight trip St Giles, Edinburgh, to commemorate the return of the Stone of Scone to Scotland, was also a return home because his permanent job is minister of St Columba's, the London flagship of the presbyterian Church of Scotland, or Kirk, which is Scotland's national church. He will be moderator for a year only, before returning to

London to continue his ministry. We arrived as the Moderator, wearing formal 18th century court dress similar to that worn by a male speaker of the House of Commons but with lace at the collar and cuffs. was delivering an address to 70



The Right Rev John McIndoe

children before they left the service for Sunday school. He spoke about the meaning of uniformity. "Whatever person we are, whatever jobs we do, the one thing which unites us is that

we are all made in the image of God." The church stands tall and white like an icy refugee from the Scottish Highlands, bringing austerity to the luxurious surroundings of Knightsbridge. The church, which bears the serves the Scottish population of the symbol of the Burning Bush, the South East in more ways than symbol of the Burning Bush, the South East in more ways than St Columba Church of Scotland, Pont emblem of the Church of Scotland, is. through worship. During the week. St. London SWIX OBD (0771-584 2321)

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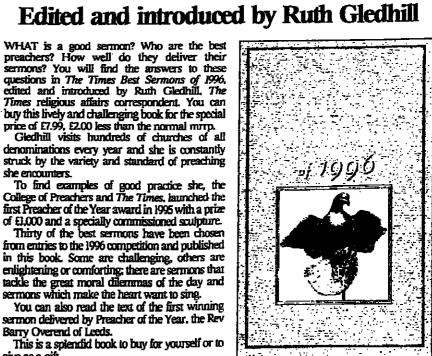
dedicated to St Columba, the Irish patron of poets who founded monasteries and churches in Ireland and Scotland, most famously on Iona. Columba was said to have had "the face of an angel" and, in one of many miracles, succeeded in banishing the monster from the river Ness into the loch. With a congregation of between 300 and 400 each week, the church

the church is alive with dance music, with the Highland Club and the Clans, the Chelsea Reel Club and the church's own country dancing club meets there regularly, alongside Alco-

holics Anonymous and other groups. The church celebrated its 40th anniversary last year, and the organ's 40th birthday was celebrated on Thursday with a recital. At our service we sang wonderfully traditional hymns, and heard a stunning anthem by Mendelssohn. The Rev Calum MacLeod, assistant minister. requested God's blessing on both nation and monarch. "We pray for the unpopular, the unconventional, for those who carry secret yearnings," he said.

The Moderator preached from the pulpit, behind which stands the chapel of the London Scottish Regiment. He described living in the Moderator's flat in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, a property open to the public and owned by the National Trust. "I was going through the front door one day [in my Moderator's outfitl as a lady was coming out. She had done a tour of the house. Perhaps her mind was running on antiques. She put her hand on my arm and said: 'I'm sorry to be missing your performance." We however, enjoyed his performance immensely, and thoroughly recommend St Columba's for all in the South East who want a

taste of Scotland.



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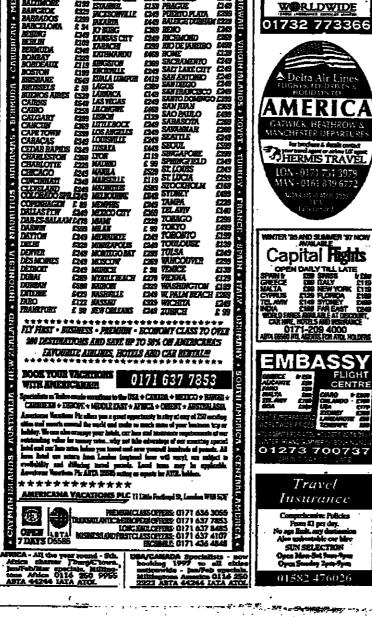
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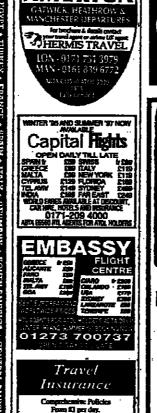
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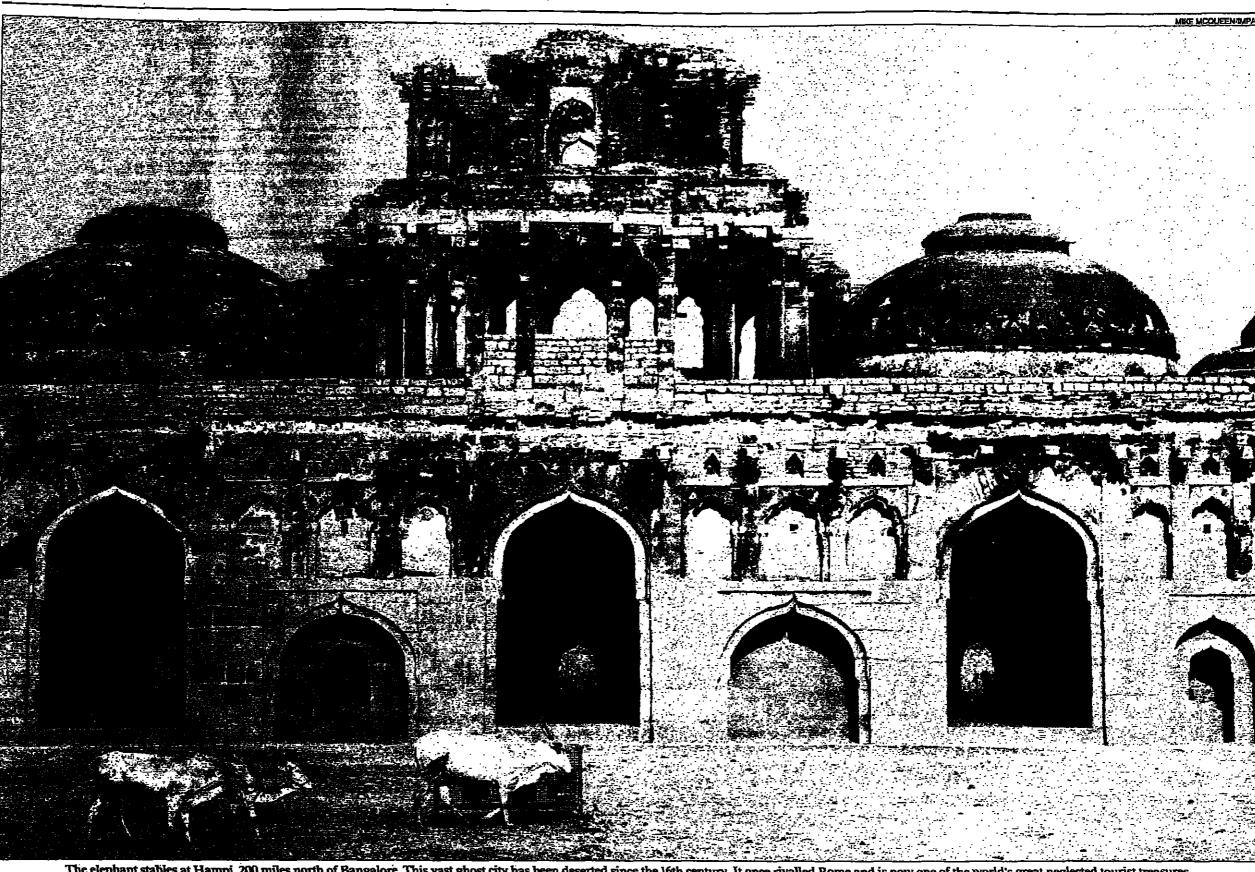
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The elephant stables at Hampi, 200 miles north of Bangalore. This vast ghost city has been deserted since the 16th century. It once rivalled Rome and is now one of the world's great neglected tourist treasures

particularly chipper. "I have arranged for you to see His Highness the Maharajah," he beams. DANTAS MOLIDAS We will proceed at 12.15." To fill the intervening two hours, he takes us on a tour of the palaces of Mysore. They lurk on every corner, seemingly dozens of them with their pillars and domes and driveways big enough to stage a Durbar. Even the balconies have balconies. PAGE VERY TOPE We pass an especially sumptuous pile. A summer palace? A winter palace? "No, no," Mr Gopal says.

The old stores." Mr H.D. Gopal is a wiry man in his late sixties. He knows Mysore better than anyone. For seven years he was Master of Ceremonies for the last ruling Maharajah, who ceded power to the Indian Government after Independence. Mr Gopal inherited his post -organising state functions - from his father, who had inherited it from his father. It carried huge

r Gopal is looking

responsibility.

The Maharajahs were — after the Nizams of Hyderabad - India's richest rulers. They wore coats made entirely of pearls, sat on solid gold thrones and commissioned jade chess sets studded with rubies.
"Oh yes, yes, yes," Mr G says.
"Very great weath."

He leads us round Mysore's suburbs. The yellow-painted bungalows of the long-gone British are settling into discreet decay as Income Tax offices. Tongas trot past, straight out of Kipling. And

The high and the mighty

Mr Gopal sighs nostalgically for the old days, when the Viceroy came to banquets, when the royal guards were given allowances to keep their bushy moustaches in trim, when the household staff of 15.000 included 1.200 in the kitchen ("But slowly we retrenched").

He checks his watch. Eleven o'clock. "We will proceed to City Palace," he says. "Come." Mysore's City Palace is preposterously plush, with its solid silver and ivory doors, its Venetian glass and its turquoise and gold pillars - once gold leaf, now, after retrenchment, gold paint. It leans fearlessly beyond good taste, like Brighton Pavilion redesigned by Walt Disney. On Sunday nights, it is lit by 50,000 fairy lights. Sleeping Beauty could

slumber happily here. Crowds of Indian tourists jostle around. They point to the murals of 1930s processions, where the State Elephant is just passing the Liptons Tea sign and the Rolls-Royces of visiting Rajahs clutter the church car park. The fellows from the villages used to come in their bullock carts to see." Mr Gopal says. "And look ... "He points to the centre of a mural, to a studious man with waxed moustache and scarlet turban. "This is my father. When I see these scenes I feel like Stephen McClarence admires palaces in Mysore, takes tea with the Maharajah and remembers not to tease the elephants

crying. They were the best days of our life. But it is 12.10. We will proceed to the Maharajah." We stroll round the back of the palace, to the private quarters of His Highness Srikanthadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. Though no longer the ruler of the state, he still wields power as an elected MP and leads religious rituals. He also

breeds racehorses and runs investment companies. We wait in a dark hallway, packed with a whole 200 of stuffed animals, shot in less enlightened times. Lions, tigers, bison, antelopes, bears, a monkey restyled as a reading lamp, an elephant's trunk niftily converted into an umbrella stand. Their legs made good occa-sional tables, says Mr G and withdraws. "I will go and come."

Suddenly, we are summoned. We hurry through libraries and secretarial offices and corridors lined with watercolours of Cornwall. At the far side of a very large room, opposite two exercise bikes, is His Highness the Maharajah, an impressive figure in a white dhoti. He casts an eye over our visiting cards, signs a letter held out by a silent flunkey and orders tea. It arrives in silver goblets. His palace grounds are now maintained by the state and His Highness is not always best pleased. "I have just telephoned them to complain," he

says. "The drives are full of elephant dung!" He reckons he can achieve as much as an MP as he might have done as a ruling Maharajah though, yes, he could "still cause upheaval" if he wanted. "But what do you think of Prince Charles?" Is the power of the British royal family waning?

The Maharajahs have had to move with the times. Many of their palaces have been converted into hotels notably the dazzling white Lalitha Mahal Palace, echoing and expensive on its own hill high above Mysore. As a statement of wealth, it could hardly be bettered. American tourists with bulging burn bags stay in rooms once used by the Viceroy. It's the world of modern tourism which the Maharajah's sister, Princess Meenakshi Devi, has eagerly embraced. She runs her own travel company, Regal Voyages, from Bangalore, a two-hour train journey from Mysore through the lush coconut palm landscape of Karnataka state.

Bangalore is India's boom city. Its computer industry and consumerism make it an icon of an expanding nation. In a street of shopping mails, pizza parlours and freezer warehouses, the toy shops sell Barbie in India dolls (brunettes in Rajasthani bridal dress) and CD stores smooth out Julio Iglesias. At a Louis Philippe outlet, a young

assistant wraps a pair of socks costing half a labourer's weekly wage. "So much materialistic hunky-funky!" he sniffs. "By the way, what do you think of Salman Rushdie?"

A pub culture thrives here, with 200 startlingly un-Indian theme pubs. The Red Lion, with its Hay Wain prints, aims to recreate "the feeling of a typical English pub — Oh! to be in England drinking English beer. City slickers perch on bar stools, their packets of

Marlboro in front of them. The Princess organises tours that give glimpses of the city's more traditional life and customs. Half way through a day of potters, sari factories, hand-painters and Indian classical music, we are ushered into a dance teacher's front room, where a young woman is preparing to show us classical dance. This is Miss Karnataka," says the teacher proudly. "Winner of beauty pageants." Is she entering Miss India? "I lack the height," says the young woman with a downcast glance.

"Only five feet six inches." Gradually we fill in the gaps on the Maharajah's family tree. In the Bandipur National Park, south of Mysore, his other sister. Princess Visha Lakshi, runs Tusker Trails, a wildlife resort above plantations of sunflowers and sugar cane.

Mr Gopal is in his element as he points out the old hunting lodges and the spot where the late Maharajah shot the elephant whose trunk made the umbrella stand. Priorities are different now. Teasing of animals prohibited," says a sign as we set off on a dusk safari. We take care not to tease the bison or the elephants. Panther tracks pad through the dust. Tigers? Maybe tomorrow.

And so to the final branch of the

family tree - to the Maharajah's brother-in-law. Gajandra Singh Auwa, who illustrates books on India's heritage and enthuses about Hampi. He is right to do so. This ghost city, two hundred miles north of Bangalore, once rivalled Rome and is now one of the world's great neglected tourist treasures. its ruins — pleasure palaces, bath houses, elephant stables - cover 15 square miles and have been deserned since the 16th century.

In Egypt, any one of its temples would be the excuse for a Hilton or a Sheraton. But we spend a day with the site - strewn around a surreal landscape of vast othre boulders - almost to ourselves. A rare chance to pretend to be a pioneer Victorian traveller.

Women sit cross-legged under banyan trees. A monkey steals bananas from a roadside stall. There's a distant thwack of laundry being slapped on a stone and we stroll along the river bank to the fantastically ornate Vitthala Temple. Inside, the silence is almost complete. It is the perfect vision of timeless romantic India - herds of goats, swooping green parakeets, bullocks with finkling bells. The sun sets a dusty orange and across the ruins drifts the quintessential sound of modern India. "The runrate has been bang on target this

innings and India are 31 for 4." The transistor radio plays on and we proceed with Mr Gopal.

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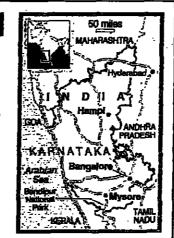
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Sarah Anderson of the Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Penguin Guide to the Monuments of India: Buddhist, Hindo, Jain by George Michell (Penguin, £20, 1SBN 0 140 08144 S). Om. An Indian Pilgrimage by Geoffrey Moorhouse (Sceptre, 15.99, ISBN 0 340 60191 4). Cadogan Guide to Southern India by Frank Kusy and Robert Isaacson (Cadogan, £14.99, ISBN 1850 11070 3). nials in khaki, diplomats in drink. The club is now a hotel.

INDIA GUIDE

AS I AM about to spend four have been studying most of the available guides, Joe Roberts writes.

Louise Nicholson's India

Companion (headline. £14.99) an updated version of India in Lucury, is the best by a long chalk. She leads you off the beaten track in search of the aesthetic delights she clearly relishes. In Calcutta she proposes a visit to the Kumartuli district where potters fashion sacred images of Hindu deities; in Lucknow she directs you to manufacturers of chikankari embroidery, attar shops and the fighting-cocks of the Aminabad Bazur; in Delhi she recommends the medi-

eval Nizamuddin area. This book (perhaps in conjunction with the Penguin Guide to the Monu-ments of India) is for the Corobici Hotel with its casino, spa, fine restaurants, night club, shops and 200 comfortable rooms is an ideal location for visitors to Costa Rica. Every room sophisticated tourist, Miss Nicholson shares her considerable knowledge of Indian history and culture like an box, mini-har and room service. enthusiastic friend. It is a:

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Aspects of Jamaica: A five-bedroom pad at the Half Moon Club or history and churches nestling inland

A place for fussy lotus eaters

y the time he actually met James Bond, the ornithologist whose name he had stolen from the spine of the classic Birds of the West Indies, lan Fleming had been living in Jamaica for nearly 20 years. "A couple of weeks ago," he wrote in 1964, "they arrived here out of the blue, the real James Bond and Mrs Bond, and couldn't have been nicer about my theft of the family name. It helped at Customs, Fleming wrote all the Bond

books in Jamaica, at Goldeneye, his villa near the northcastern banana port of Oracabessa, now owned by Chris Blackwell of Island Records. Soon after the war, while still settling in he offered some advice to the potential visitor from Britain: "I can assure you that sun and calm blue seas and brassy heat can be more wearying exasperating than the grey but ever-changing por-ridge in which you live."

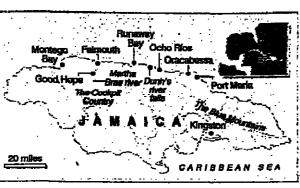
Fifty years of tourism later. while seeing what Fleming meant, I must beg to disagree. All that sun, sea and heat might get a mite monotonous all year round but for a brief escape from Britain's sour old climate, at whatever time of year, they strike me as pretty close to perfection. Understandably, perhaps,

many Caribbean-lovers never leave the expensive luxury of their hotels. But if you're one of those travellers who can't relax, or just likes to explore. it's time you sought out this largeish island: 140 miles long by 50 wide, unusually mountainous for the region, with everything from luxuriant tropical vegetation to its own distinctive culture and lively day-and-night action.

For all but the most resolute beach-potato, a leisurely way to explore Jamaica's interior is by river-raft along the Martha Brae, inland near Falmouth and "Cockpit Country", a nat-uralist's heaven, with almost 1,000 species of flowering plants unique to the island. Other scenic beauties include the Dunn's River Falls, whose fresh-and-salt water mix you can sample as they merge with the sea by Ocho Rios.

Caribbean, Jamaica also offers a diversity of historical sites, from the Bob Marley Birthplace Museum in Kingston - a must for students of reggae and Rastafarianism to the stately old plantation houses along the north coast towards Montego Bay: Green-wood or Rose Hall.

They had their day 150 years ago. Jamaica's more recent reputation for danger draws a weary sigh from all you meet. indigenous or otherwise. On Air Jamaica I found myself sitting next to the High Commissioner, the sublimelynamed Derick Heaven, who



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■ Booked through Elegant Resorts (01244 897999), a scheduled flight to Montego Bay from Heathrow on Air Jamaica (0181-570 7999), or Gatwick on British Airways (0345 222111), car transfers and one week's accommodation (room only), would cost from £990

at Half Moon Club (001 809 953 2615) or from £995 at Round Hill (956 7050). At Half Moon Cleb, a five-bedroom villa with private pool and staff costs from £4,965 per week (not including flights).

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Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: A High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes (Harvill, £7.99, ISBN 0 002 71312 8). Middle L E6.99, ISBN 0 140 Jamaica Tourist Board

told me that three of Jamaica's

18 police forces deal with 80 per cent of the island's violent crime — all in Kingston. For my part, as I told him, I twice dropped off my teenage sons the all-night Reggae Sumfest in Montego Bay, watching with mixed paternal feelings as they disappeared into a teeming throng - only to find them sleeping it off next morning with beatific smiles, having taxied safely back after the time of their lives. Jamaica's recent reputation, in other words (mine, not His

Excellency's), is a burn rap.
It was an ironic silver lining of last year's Hurricane Luis. by islands, that many longtime stay-aways became lastminute returnees to Jamaica pleasantly surprised to find they were not mugged on sight, or offered ganja while out shopping and that the natives, with their smiling refrains of "Yeah, mon" and "No prob-lem!", are as friendly as anywhere in the region.

Some regulars measure these things in terms of hotel staff, who elsewhere can swizzle your rum punch with a scowl. At Montego Bay's Half Moon Club, where we were outnumbered by our Royal Villa's staff - butler, underbutler, live-in chef and maid -

my sons and I were welcomed with our surname spelt out in flowers, and looked after almost too attentively. Our fivebedroom pad came with delicious home cooking (ackee and salt fish for breakfast, pepperpot soup and jerk chicken for dinner), well-stocked bar, TV and video throughout, two golf buggies to roam the 400-acre estate, not to mention private pool and Maxi Priest. the reggae star, next door in a mansion previously occupied

by Whitney Houston. Golf, tennis, water sports fitness centre, even riding and croquet, along half a mile of bath-warm seawater: the Half Moon is as sleek as these olaces get — Las Vegas-on-Sea, for my taste, compared with the tranquil charms of its equally well-equipped but more elegantly refined neigh-

oel Coward's piano in the seafront bar symbolises the calm of Round Hill. whose philosophy of unobtrusive, personal-touch luxury remains unchanged since it pioneered this way of life in the 1950s. Again there is an array of handsome private villas all with their own staff, many with pools -- as well as rooms

in the main house. Round Hill is where JFK was feted by the CBS-TV boss Bill Paley, in the villa where these days Paul McCartney takes his family for Christmas. For the lotus eater who is fussy about his lotus, this is paradise. Half Moon and Round Hill are just 20 minutes east and west, respectively, of the airport at Montego Bay, and ten hours from Heathrow on Air Jamaica — absent from British airspace for the past 12 years but now back in style, art, the entrepreneur behind

the Sandals resorts. Having made my first visit by Air Jamaica 20 years ago. I am delighted to report that it has returned complete with its unique fashion parade, whereby the stewardess who has just been serving you dinner suddenly wanders by in sultry beachwear. Add an aerobics session, conducted over the public address system to ward off jet-lag, and they help start (and end) your Jamaican vacation in suitably serene style.

ANTHONY HOLDEN ● The author was a guest of Elegant Resorts and Air Jamaica



The beach bar at the Half Moon Club in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where visitors are outnumbered by hotel staff

The hills where slaves took refuge in religion

with Jamaican beaches, but what makes this fertile island so rewardingly different from elsewhere in the Caribbean is its hilly interior. Here are acres of exotic fruits (every one you have ever heard of, and more besides), churches of every known denomination. strange little communities, and old plantation houses which, unlike in Antigua, have

Rose Hall, close to Montego Bay, may be the best-known of the "great houses" — because

used to sleep with her slaves before killing them — but Greenwood, in the hills above the north coast, has the most fascinating history and contents. Owned by the Barretts (of Wimpole Street) since the mid-17th century, the estate had 84,000 acres and 2,000 slaves. In the 1780s Edward Barrett's income was said to exceed £60,000 per year.

not all been destroyed.

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Greenwood boasts that no other house in the Caribbean has a better collection of furniture and artefacts. My eye was caught by inlaid

cedar bath tub and a steel man-trap to catch escaping slaves. At the top of the house a 70ft-long veranda has a panalmost 180-degree view of the Caribbean Sea. In the garden below, John Crows (Jamaica's ubiquitous black vultures) swoop over the casu-Good Hope, overlooking the mountainous Cockpit country,

is a Georgian house converted to a ten-bedroom hotel. It has the look of a colonial governor's residence. Other great houses, such as Belvedere and Colbeck Castle, are in ruins, having been burnt when slavery ended in the 1830s. They remind one of Irish houses destroyed at the time of independence, though their estates may still be flourishing today. At Belvedere, one of the first sugar cane plantations, the present owner breeds Red Poli cattle and has 50,000 trees producing citrus fruit, bananas and coconuts.

If the institution of slavery was responsible for Jamaica's great houses, it is also directly

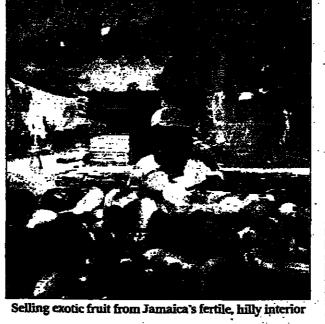
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tion of churches on the island. In the 18th century the Church of England in Jamaica represented the ruling class; none of its Christian teachings were designed to give succour to the slave population. So it was left to Methodists, Baptists and Moravians to make common religious, and more revolutionary, cause with the slaves. Nonconformist churches

went on growing: Pentecostalists, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelicals and Revivalists all had their followers. If Protestant Christianity has a fissiparous tendency, it is nowhere more evident than in Jamaica. No one seems to know quite how many church buildings there are today in Jamaica - more than 900, I was told, belonging to 200 denominations.

Then driving around, it is worth stopping to admire the many roadside churches, especially those built more than a century ago. The most unusual Catholic community in Jamaica is to be found at Seaford Town, in the parish of Westmoreland. In 1835, at about the time slavery was abolished. some 350 German immigrants arrived here from Hanover. Lord Seaford let them have 500 acres of poor, hilly land,

where they eked out a living. Over the generations there was some intermarriage with English and Jamaicans, but there has also been inbreeding among the German families. The curator of the local museum, which has a fascinating collection of curios, farm implements and photographs,



told me he was 95 per cent German. Apart from the church, the German community at Seaford supports a Catholic Sacred Heart Mission, a clinic and a vocational training centre, which are partly funded by the German

Much less accessible are the descendants of the Maroons, a group of slaves who were given a form of autonomy over the wild and remote Cockpit country, where they went to live in the last century. This densely wooded area south of Falmouth, rising to 2,500ft, has no roads and is best left to its few local inhabitants. Wherever you go in Jam-

aica, you will hear English spoken in Jamaican dialect. Expressions such as "Hurrycome up" are immediately comprehensible when you learn that it means nouveau riche. The weekly market in Falmouth is known as the Bend-Down Market because all the clothes and other goods for sale are laid out on the ground. The only drawback to exploring inland Jamaica is the condition of the roads. Many have pot-holes, made worse by rain, and signposts on country mads are few and far between. "All you have to do in Jamaica is ask the way." I was told reassuringly by a shopkeeper. When I said that the last time I had done so. I had been sent in the wrong direction, it was endearingly predictable that he should roar with laughter.

When once stuck behind a lorry on a mountain road, I noticed on one of its mud flaps the words: "High Hopes - the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." But if the roads get you down, there is, or was, a railway line from Montego Bay through the hills to Kingston. The service was closed in 1985, but it is due to reopen soon. The only problem is that, in Jamaican, "soon" is not a word that is capable of any definition.

SIMON COURTAULD • The author was a guest of Air

See you at the 19th hole The late-night pyjama

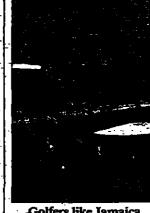
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and toga parties i mate tiredness. Montego Bay is nine and a half hours out of Gatwick, and 90 minutes by mini-bus westwards to Runaway Bay, where the Jamaican SuperClubs group is host at its 400-bedroom Breezes

The beach-terrace mini-Olympics? More, I think, for lady arm-wrestlers and tug-ofwar specialists from New Jersey and Phoenix. The trapeze? Well, the back's a bit trouble some. But of 30 items chalked on to the day's beach schedule there was plenty left.

Golf? That was at a par-72, 6,602-yard championship course ten minutes' stroll from the resort's luxuriant tropical gardens and tennis courts. It's the one place to take a les dollars to pay caddies who will instruct a scratch player on his swing or a novice on ways to hold a putter.

Scuba diving? No problem and no extra cost. Preliminary instruction was in the pool followed by a 20st plunge off a boat to places where tropical fish abound. Water skiing was much the same. This was the



Golfers like Jamaica

May to September hurricane season but tropical storm Caesar, 250 miles south, had moved on, the sea had calmed, and beginners were allowed half-a-dozen attempts at the hard bit — rising up as the tow-rope tightens.

Probably the last thing you need at a super all-inclusive resort as founder John Issa terms his eight Caribbean properties, is your wallet. In the beach bar, restaurant or disco, daquiri, rum punch or wine is free. They thought we'd be drunk dry," Mr Issa says. "That's not the psychology. In the home you have a drink when you feel like it. The same here."

f you fancy a shopping trip outside the 40-acre complex, an off-duty waiter will act as escort for about £15. If nothing else, he will understand Jamaican patois, an unwritten goulash of English. Spanish, French and African. But who needs shops? Buffet food in the shingle-tiled beach restaurant is ample and wellcooked by an all-Jamaican staff. Local produce does not

stop at jerk pork and chicken.

(Jerk? A spicy sauce and nought to do with personal habits or styles.) The tired or lazy will sunsoak under shady palms on a quarter-mile strand, tempted only by a din in the ocean or kidney-shaped pool, maybe eyeing the colourful scene over in iced cocktail. Laughter! What's happening over there? An arm wrestle with Jodie? Well, that's my arm well and truly twisted. Running away at Runaway Bay was for Spaniards 300 years ago.

JOHN SAMUEL

● The author was a guest of British Airways Holidays (01293 723131) and SuperClubs Breezes resort at Runaway Bay, Jamaica. The all-in price for a week's stay from July to September is £1,392 nor nervon



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7999) operates four flights a week from Heathrow to

Montego Bay and Kingston. Prices start from

2684 return. Caribtours (0171-581 3517)

offers one week at Jamaica Inn, Ocho Rios, from El, 109, including scheduled flights

with Air Jamaica; a three-

week stay for the price of two between May I and October 31, It also offers

breaks at Good Hope.

The shape of the island

has been compared to a

is divided into three

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Indian Ocean: A Robinson Crusoe escape to the Maldives; plus the spicy atmosphere of Zanzibar

A golden chain with no catch

by the low laughter of women in bright saris sweeping the white carpet of sand with palm fronds outside my terrace. I transfer from my thatched cottage to my hammock slung between two palm trees at the edge of the lagoon, to ponder, not very seriously, how to spend the day ahead on Ari Beach in the Maldives.

The choices are delightfully limited. Little more than a sandy spit a mile long by 300 yards wide, Ari Beach is one of the remoter Maldives — a "no news, no shoes" sland. It is certainly the nearest thing I have discovered yet to the Robinson Crusoe package promised by an increasing number of holiday brochures featuring this island chain.

Stretching across 500 miles of Indian Ocean, about 400 miles off the coast of Sri Lanka, nobody seems sure how many Maldive islands there are Marco Polo claimed as many as 12,700, though the Government stipulates 1,190, of which 198 are officially designated tourist islands. The locals live separately on their own islands where the mainstay is lishing, and which tourists can visit only with a

The Portuguese, British and Dutch dabbled with colonial rule, but south-east Asia's smallest nation, 99.66 per cent of whose territory consists of sea, gained full independence as an Islamic republic in 1965 - and is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first tourist arrivals with a Visit the Maldives

Year promotion next year. The holiday image of the Mal-dives does not appeal to everyone. Too many "paradise" islands turn out to be boring to all but the most dedicated beach potato. Emphasis on "diving facilities" conjures up visions of smelly rubber suits and over-chlorinated swimming pools: while warnings that fines will be imposed on holidaymakers bringing in duty-free alcohol send out

on its own island, Hulul, just opposite the capital, Malé, and hotel transfers are by helicopter, speed boat or dhom, a wooden

fishing boat. With the huge gold-coloured dome of the Islamic Centre dominating a skyline of warehouses and skyscrapers, the capital is not a tourist island, though it is interesting to catch a glimpse of local life.

Tou can smell the spices

as you step off the plane

- cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and others too subtle

to identify - wafting like an

aerial bouquet garni from the

north of the island, where they

44 years ago, on a day ashore

from the SS Kenya. Then, the

Sultan had sailed out in the

royal barge to greet us. The

last of the Sultans — and all

the Sultanas - have gone,

toppled in a revolution in 1964.

But the palace, the barge and

their trappings remain, and many older Zanzibaris still speak of them with respect

as they do of the Dutch, the

Germans and the British, all

of whom stamped their stan-

dards and education systems

on the island. Even my

minicab driver, Seif (1 drive

safe-ly, beep-beep, ha ha"), had sat the Oxford and Cam-

bridge Joint School Certificate

examination in 1952 and

Zanzibar has become more

dilapidated than ever, with

much of the lovely white architecture besmirched by a

creeping black mould, public

transport erratic and the econ-

omy on a switchback. But a

preservation order, backed by

a United Nations grant, has

halted demolition of all build-

ings of architectural merit -

Stonemasons are restoring

crumbling walls and façades.

Carpenters and metalsmiths

are fashioning replicas of the

famous Zanzibar doors --

massive rectangles of maho-

gany or teak, elaborately stud-

and there are hundreds.

Sadly, since the revolution

passed with four credits.

I had last visited Zanzibar

grow in profusion.

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usually stuck with just one hotel no local bars, cafes or even shops. though there is always a tiny mosque tucked among the palms

for the hotel workers.

It is almost impossible to distinguish one Maldive island from another. All have coconut palms, haloes of glorious white sand and turquoise. lagoons encircled by reefs - plus the considerable advantages of no malarial mosquitoes, no snakes and no violence. The Maldivians are very friendly. The islands have almost no indige-

nous plant life and no resources. Although hotels have their own water and electricity-generating plants, all food has to be imported and refrigerated, which means that gastronomy is rarely a highlight,

and costs can be high. Even rubbish disposal is a major problem, and on the flight out we were issued with plastic bags for our own waste to be carried back to

Despite the islands physical similarities, the style of the hotels varies from sophisticated five-star establishments - usually on the islands nearest to Male - to the more laid-back escapist atolls such as Ari Beach, which can take three hours to reach by boat, or 30 minutes by helicopter.

otential Crusoes will not find the five-star Kuruaba cheap. This was the first resort to be developed, in 1972. The mature gardens, spacious lawns and alleys brimming with frangipani and bougainvillaea are manicured to perfection; the airconditioned bungalows have phones, television and hairdryers. Lobster and sashimi are among the 50 or so items served at the candielit beach barbecue each week. The notice board lists hosts of activities, from tennis and gymnastics at the fitness centre, to saunas, every type of watersport and warnings in five languages shock waves (though alcoholic that nudity and topless bathing are drinks are widely and legally spirit profibited available in tourist horels).

A new airport terminal however.

created a welcoming impression or a welcoming impression or arrival. The Maldives airport is dive on Xurumba, in the lagoon rather than the pool, and wished I had more time to continue.

Kurumathi, the next island I visited, is unusual in having three: hotels, one of them all-inclusive with an amazing line in cocktails. The representatives tell me that they plan activities on the assumption that new guests will try them all on their first day, the second will



Officially there are 1,190 islands in the Maldives, an Islamic republic and the smallest nation in South-East Asia, stretching across 500 miles of the Indian Ocean

they will be ready for action - a pattern repeated fairly systematically throughout the holiday

Back on Ari Beach, it was back to basics - no pool or relevision, the dining areas are open-sided and simple, though there are termis courts and diving and sailing lessons. The manager's wife Pauline is from Tonbridge, Kent. She went on bonday to the Mal- resident mollusc. dives five years ago, met her

The days soon develop their own slow, satisfying rhythm. One evening, I went on a night-fishing: excursion and, with a primitive line and hooks and lots of supervision, bagged a couple of red snappers for

Snorkelling on the reef, I plunged into a new multicoloured world where ! learned to distinguish be hangover day, and by the third oriental sweetlings and lemon me-

ringue wrasses from sleeper gobies and humbug damsel fish, and marvelled at the amazing parrot fish that can change colour and sex, and create whole beaches by nib-

bling at the coral. Evening entertainments are limited - a display of local dancing, even crab racing — which avoided, having become fiercely protective of my own friendly

Most of the time, I relaxed in my as an escapist hideaway. Peach palms suspended between translucent sky and sea, and the occasional silhouette of a fishing dhoni drift-

ing across the horizon.

I might not make a habit of holidaying in the Maldives, but I would certainly be prepared to norch up a few more atolls like Ari .

JILL CRAWSHAW • The author was a guest of Kuoni

Kuoni (01306 7405000) offers a week's half-board at Ari Beach from £599 to £797, at Kuruamba from E727 to E874, B&B. The Maldives can also be combined with Sri Lanka.

India, Singapore and Hong

Kong. Three nights in Delhi with five nights in Sri Lanka plus six nights in the Maldives. costs from £1,039 to £1,221. uaives cruise the Atoll Explorer, carrying 40 passengers, visits several

£989 full board for a week. Diving schools in hotels follow the Professional Association of Diving Instructors Open Water Course, which includes nine training

dives and theory lessons and

equipment hire. From £210.

Maldives islands and costs from

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Weather: the Maidives have a year-round season. but the driest months are from December to April, wettest from June to October.

■ Currency: the official currency is the ruffyah, but the US dollar is used in the island resorts.

Other operators include 4431) and Cosmos (0161-429

Reading: the Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommends: Ibn-Battuta. Travels in Asia and Africa 1325-1354 trans. H.A.R. Gibb (Darf. £15, ISBN 1850 770026). Guide to Maldives by Royston Ellis (Bradt. £11.95. ISBN 1898 32323 2).

Shy spice girls of the fragrant island



Stalls in Zanzibar town sell produce grown in the north of the island

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■ Getting there: Gulf Air (0171-408 1717) flies to Zanzibar from Heathrow from £1,063 return: British Airways (0345) 222(11) flies to Dar-es-Salaam with connecting flights to Zanzibar (30 min) by Precision Air or Air Tanzania: £999 return. Trailfinders (0171-938 3939) has savings on standard fares (eg. £495 to £567). Specialist operators Somak (0181-423 3000), Cordial Tours (0181-405 0100) or Wild Africa Safaris (0171-259 9908) offer five nights' B&B, including airfare, from £579 to 1915 per person, depending on season.

■ Where to stay: the Shangani (00255 54-33688), Mazsons (33694; fax 33695), Dhow Palace, Tembo and Serena Inn in Zanzibar town, or Fisherman's Resort (30208; fax 30556) and Sau Inn, Kidogo and Sun Rise on the coast. Prices range from £8 per person per night (room only) in the Kidogo, or £20 B&B in the Sun Rise, to £42-£68 per person per night (half-board) in the Fisherman's Resort Central hotels range from £48-£65 (£52-£68 B&B in the Serena Inn).

■ Recommended tour operators are Chemah Tours and Safaris (fax 33385) and Rainbow Tours & Travel (fax 33496).

Zanzibar today enjoys a higher per capita income than the rest of Tanzania, but the economy is linked to the dollar. While I was there the G7 ministers were in session, trying to decide how best to prop up the dollar, and so it was clearly a time for invest-

ment to be "trozen". Everywhere there are halfbuilt houses. Yussef Khan, a private building contractor, told me: "When times are good, people invest in bricks and cement. Then the currency loses its value and they tell me, 'Stop'. Then they tell me: 'We have more money - put the roof on' or whatever."

ne area where "stopgo" is not applied is in the north of the island, where nature dictates events. The cotton and banana plantations, eoconut groves, spice trees and herb fields are still the mainstay of Zanzibar's foreign earnings, with cloves accounting for 60 per cent. I followed "the spice trail" and Ali, my guide, proved more than a botanist: he described uses for the spices far beyond their culinary norm.

"Those leaves," he said, pointing to the camellia-like leaves of a clove tree, from which bunches of green cloves were sprouting, "we boil them and give them to pregnant women to stop vomiting".

He popped open a whiskered annatto nut and released a shower of red pips: African women paint their lips and fingernails with those." Then he broke off a brittle stick, oozing black res-in. "Liquorice." he said.

"Taste." My favourite anecdote concerned the nutmeg. "Muslim ladies use it to remove their shyness," Ali explained.

They dry it and grind it and put the powder in tea or coffee. two or three hours before going to bed. It makes them feel sexy. But it has the opposite effect on the husband. So who gets it in their drink depends on how the woman feels that day." I will be watching for the slightest

PETER FAIRLEY

Answers from page 21

VISEMENT (b) Consideration. deliberation, reflection. thought. An aphetic form of the Old French avisement. Thou are a fole in that case: For thou spekes without visement."

YOKOHAMA (c) A toponym from the Japanese city, used as a specific epithet for fine cloth and also birds. "A domesticated breed of jungle-fowl known as the

Japanese long-tailed fowls or as Yokohamas."

are of different shape according to the Diversity

VACCARY (a) A place where cows are kept or pastured; a dairy-farm. From the medieval Latin vaccaria.

(c) Tweezers. From the Latin volsella tweezers

or forceps, from the past participle stem of vellere to pluck. "Volsella, or Vulsella, an

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ded with pointed brass knobs (originally to keep out ele-phants) — for hotels, restaurants and public buildings.

The harbour is no longer a haven only for wooden dhows and fishing boats. I watched hydrofoils and island ferries take on passengers, while two container ships were queueing to berth. Telephone and mail services are efficient and I saw mobile phones appear out of slits in the voluminous white robes of several young men.

But as I walked the old Stone Town again, I was struck by how little had changed in half a century. The emporia, full of cut-price merchandise, were still there; the potholes were, if anything, deeper; men in richly embroi-dered fezzes still flip-flopped



("Good day"); women still scuttled into dark interiors at the slightest glint of a camera. I walked up Shangani Street to check on the English Club, once a second home to colo-nials in khaki, diplomats in

door; the buffalo head still peers down the staircase but it is white with dust; signs still point to "Committee Room" and "Ladies Powder Room" but the stench stops you in your tracks. The full-sized billiard table is stacked in pieces against a wall and the white pedestal weighing machine - marked in stones and ounces and bearing the sign "Weigh Yourself at the English Club" - is encrusted with verdigris and rust.

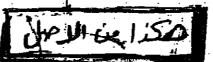
cotton suits and naval chaps in

white duck. Two miniature

cannon still guard the front

The veranda - designed like the deck of a ship, with a view over the Indian Ocean still has a bar but I had to wake the barman to get a drink. The club is now a hotel.

whiff of numeg in future.



Britain: From Dundee to Penzance on board the UK's longest scheduled rail journey; plus Christmas breaks

A long way to go to run out of steam



The Tay Bridge, first of many engineering landmarks

t may not be the longest train ride in the world and it is certainly not the most giamorous, or even the quirkiest. It has never been featured in any of those celebrity compilations of the world's great train journeys and Paul Theroux has never written about it.

But for the sheer density of its points of interest, British Rail's six times a week Dundee to Penzance train, marketed as The Cornishman, the longest scheduled passenger journey in the country, takes some

For 704 miles from the Tayside coastline of northeast Scotland to its destination within ten miles of Land's End, the train carves a crosssection through the geography and daily routine of the nation. one of the most easterly extremities of the British Isles and finishes, after the end of the working day, close to England's most westerly point. It is unique in serving as a commuter service during both rush hours at opposite

ends of the country. The service, usually pulled

by a soot-encrusted InterCity 125, creeps out of Dundee station at 6.40 each morning, Sundays excepted. For most of the year it is flagged away in the cold pre-dawn Scottish

During the summer, the few passengers around to witness it are treated to one of the most stunning of a series of picture postcard views as their train Bridge. In the first of its many guises during its trip, the departure starts as a morning commuter train for the Jockbroker belt of rural Fife.

The train fills with pin-striped bankers, lawyers and fund managers heading for their offices in Edinburgh's Charlotte Square. It must be one of the most civilised rush hour trains in the country. spare seats and sweeping views of the coastline of eastern Scotland, culminating in the spectacular run across the

Forth Bridge. Near Edinburgh the train passes within yards of lowly Raith Rovers' minute football ground — the first, and possi-bly least impressive, of the



End of the line and Jonathan Prynn has had enough after 12 hours, 704 miles and 24 counties of his rail journey

string of sports stadiums that can be seen. By contrast, the next is Murrayfield, capacity 64,000, home of Scottish

At Edinburgh's Waverley station, where The Cornishman arrives at 0804, the character of the train utterly changes. Out get the pinstripes to be replaced by students, tourists and pensioners catching what is one of the first InterCity trains of the day going south from the Scottish

The day I caught the train one of only three who got on at Dundee and were still aboard at Penzance — the passengers joining at Edinburgh included a Canadian family heading for Bristol, bound for Salisbury on a whistle-stop tour of Britain. With the majority of InterCity trains heading straight to London, such crosscountry oddities as The Cornishman are invaluable to the dedicated tourist.

From Edinburgh, the train plunges through the Border Country south to Berwickupon-Tweed, England's most northerly town, and to my surprise, one of its most attractive. Passengers have a pan-oramic view of its rows of perfectly preserved Georgian town houses from the soaring viaduct across the estuary — another treat for aficionados of

DUNDEE TO PENZANCE FACT FILE

Fares for the trip start from £84 for a limited availability Apex return booked at least seven days in advance. Standard single fare is £104.90. first-class £151.10. A saver return is £133.60, while a Supersaver (not Fridays) is £115.10 return. CrossCountry have a "Voyager" package, including return travel, two free meals, plus unlimited free tea and coffee and a free newspaper — £116.20 standard, £174.80 first-class. NB: All return journeys from Penzance to Dundee involve a change at Edinburgh as there is no through service on the

journey back.

Hotels and guest houses closest to Dundee station include: The Old Steeple Guest House (01382 200302, double £32 to £44), The Travel Inn (01382 203240, double £35.50) and the West End Hotel (01382 225712, double room £30 to £51).

is still not 0900. It is about this time that the Penzance-bound passenger begins to appreciate why The Cornishman has never rated

as a glamour train trip. The food is dire. Soggy, microwaved bacon rolls are all very well, but when they are the culinary highlight of a 12hour train journey, something has to be wrong. A dining car is out of the question. The train is not used by enough of the business market to make it

with luck, this will soon change for the better following last month's sale of Cross-Country, the BR subsidiary that runs The Cornishman, to Richard Branson's Virgin

Britain's greatest vistas. And it Group. Mr Branson has momised a major overhaul of the trains and a new range of hot and cold meals based on the food served on his Virgin

> t Newcastle, after ticking off yet another splendid railway bridge, The taken inland for a tour of some of the great towns and cities of the North. Durham, Darlington, York and Leeds follow in quick succession, with the character of the train again changing, now becoming a mid-morning local stopping.

With five changes of conductor during the course of the

day, the train's voice changes. too. Announcements that were guttural Scottish accent, now dialect. By the end of the day the names of the stations will be called out in a rolling West Country burr. But that is still a long way ahead.

window - the crooked spire of Chesterfield and Derby County's Baseball Ground football stadium - before the train reaches the grimy outskirts of

For a trip that begins and ends by the sea and spends much of its journey bounding through the countryside, this is a shocking contrast. For perhaps only a half-hour The Cornishman is hemmed in by the dingy industrial landscape of the West Midlands, but it

feels longer.

The next stop is nearty 90 minutes away at Bristol, allowing a leisurely lunch selected from the range of "international cuisine" offered in the buffet. On my trip the choice was microwaved packet lasagne or microwaved packet chicken korma. Roll on Virgin Rail. The only consolation is that after Birmingham the views pick up again. Beyond Bristol, eight hours

after departing Dundee, the

made in the early morning in a come over in a Yorkshire

Into Cornwall, the last of 24 counties passed through since Dundee, the train once again becomes a local stopping ser-More sites trundle past the vice, calling at all seven stations between Plymouth and Penzance and taking two hours to reach the end of the line. The countryside is pretty.

but the novelty of sitting for hours watching the world roll by has long passed. By this stage only the most fanatical of hardened anoraks can still be taking pleasure: from the journey. The sight of St Michael's Mount with the certainty of Penzance a few miles beyond at 1855 is a huge

masterpieces.

Penzance, where we arrived 15 minutes late, is literally the end of the line. More than 300 miles from London and 700 from Dundee; the sight of the grimy train nestling up to the buffers is deeply satisfying. I have never done the Trans-Siberian Express, but I doubt whether many travellers emerging at Vladivostok after their seven-day trek have felt a greater sense of achievement.

JONATHAN PRYNN

Great city break in Dundee

DUNDEE is one of 11 less fashionable cities which have joined forces to convince visitors that they can offer just as much on a short break as London, Edinburgh or York. Under the banner "Great British Cities", they are promoting bargain deals in a range of hotels from four-star palaces to simple guest houses, and publicising attrac-

tions upen all the year. Weekend deals range from £40 a person for two nights in the Shaftesbury Hotel, a converted jute baron's mansion, to £98 for two nights dinner. bed and breakfast in the Angus Thistle Hotel

Other cities in the consor tium are Aberdeen, Derby, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester Liverpool. Manchester, Nottingham, Portsmouth and Stoke-on-Trent. Details from city tourism centres. For Dundee, 01382 434664.

Go north

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train is palpable. The sea

Cornishman makes its spec-

tacular sweep along the sea-front past Dawlish and

Teignmouth. On a day packed with great train vistas, this is

It is now evening and at

Taunton the train begins to fill

with schoolchildren going

home. At Plymouth, where it is

scheduled to arrive just before

5pm, it becomes a rush-hour

commuter train for the second

time in the day. But this is a

different clientele from the

length and breadth of Britain.

The office workers heading for

their homes in the commuter.

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Beyond Plymouth, The Cor-

nishman ourrs over its finest

railway structure since it left

Newcastle, the Tamar Bridge.

This is deepest Brunel country

and the bridge is one of his

Cornwall are no different.

The suits are of the grey, crumpled vari-ety worn by middle

management the

money men of Fife.

the best of all.

GRAMPIAN Country Cottages still has a few properties available for rent over Christmas, Guests will receive a complimentary bottle of whisky and festive decorations. The cottages include Granary Wharf Villas, close to a sandy beach for that Boxing Day swim, and Dykeside Cottage, on a working farm. Prices range from £225 to £350 a week. Details, 01464 861778.

Party on

FOR the largest self-catering house party in Britain, Help-ful Holidays is offering a former hotel with accommodation for up to 31 guests. Situated on the River Yealm estuary at Newton Ferrers. south Devon, the property has its own private jetty plus parking for 15 cars. It costs £3,058 for 20 guests in Christmas week with the price rising for extra visitors. Details, 01647 433593.

Cruising

OAKLEY Court Hotel, Windas part of a three-night festive break. The hotel offers all the trimmines from midniel mass to mulled wine and mince pies in a Victorian country house atmosphere. The price for three nights' full board is £435 a person. Details, 01753 609988.

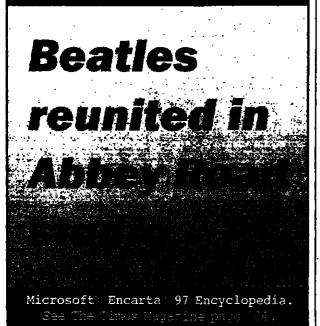
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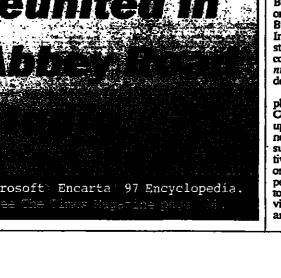
SOLO's, which specialises in holidays for single people, is offering a three-night Christ-mas break with dancing every evening at the Aubrey Park Hotel, Hertfordshire. Other attractions include a full Christmas lunch, a tour of Roman St Albans, a pantomime and quiz. The half board price is £309 a person. Details: 0181-951 2800.

Get active

FOR THOSE who want a really active Christmas, a walking tour and activity break, both based at Pencerrig Hotel on the Welsh border, are on offer from Acorn Activities from December 23 to 26. Both include a traditional Christ-mas lunch and full beard with the walking holiday (£170 a person) featuring trips ted by guides along the River Wye. The activity break (£250 a person) includes mountain bike riding, whitewater raft-ing and abselling. Details, 01432 830083.

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Iceland back in business

ICELAND's tourism was put back in business on November 27 when the road over Skeidarasandur, part of Highway I that circles the country, was reopened. Bridges and part of the road were swept away by flooding after the ice melted under Europe's largest glacier. Vatnajokull, following the eruption of the Loki volcano on October 1.

Skidoo trips on the glacier, fishing and four-wheel-drive safaris are popular summer activities. Swimming is possible in the geothermal Blue Lagoon even in winter, while Reykjavik has almost reached cult status as a city break destination following reports the part purchase of a cafe there by Damon Albarn of

Latest information from Iceland Tourist Board (0171-388 7550).

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SPECIALISING mainly in Italy. Fine Art Travel (0171-437 8553) has introduced a week's Madrid and Toledo tour for October next year. led by former British Ambassador to Spain and hispanophile Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox who, it is hoped, will be able to unlock the secretive doors of Spain's private houses and collections in and around Madrid.

Private visits on the tour include the Palacio de Galiano at Toledo, the Casa de la Rambia at Segovia and the Palacio de Liria in Madrid, The Prado, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection and the Escorial are also

on the itinerary. In the Italian programme, private visits to the Sistine Chapel, escorted by Robin Lane Fox will prevent guests being jostled by the hoi polloi on a tour of Rome. He also accompanies an autumn trip to Florence on which one of the private visits is to the Palazzo Frescobaldi, in the same family for over 1,000

The tours cost about £2,400.

Make tracks

RAIL passes and discount cards for children, under 26s, couples and over 80s are listed in the Rail Shop 1997 guide (0181-880 8160). With the Euro-Domino Freedom Pass, you can travel as far as you like on any three, five or ten days during the month in 19 European countries and Morocco. Prices start at £105 for three days within France, £85 for

£645 return for car and driver, plus | stopes near Lake Tahoe in Califor-E12-E87 for sleeping accommodation.

Turkey treat

TURKISH specialist Tapestry Holi-days (0181-742 0055) promises un-crowded resorts, flexible hineraries and hotels of character away from commercialisation and mayhem. Holidaymakers staying at the harbour town of Kalkan, who want to sample a voyage in a traditional wooden boat, can take a two or three night cruise as part of their fortnight, costing an extra £120 full board. A week's B&B at the Hotel

Yelken in Kalkan starts at £309, two

weeks £379.

From the Hotel Physics in Turune Bay, a resort that is still unspoilt despite increasing numbers of day trippers from Marmaris, spring and autumn guests can participate in special theme weeks consisting of walks, drives and picnics to historical sites, Turkish baths and fishing villages. A week's self catering at the Physics starts at £319, two weeks from £409. The theme weeks cost £150 extra.

Coach deal

COACH operator Eurolines (0990 ו (143219) has increased its daily 7hour service to Paris from twice to three times a day during the closure of the Channel Tunnel. A full adult return costs £43, under 26s and over 60s pay £39. Ideal for a visit to the

High note

WITH a programme of 100 different operas in 34 destinations, mostly in Europe but some as far afield as Glimmerglass in the US, JMB Travel (01905 428401) offers holidaymakers the flexibility of choosing their own dates, means of travel and performances. New for next year, the season at

the Théatre de la Monnaie in Brussels, built on the site of an old Mint, includes Tristan und Isolde, Peter Grimes and Ariadne auf Naxos. Prices are from E319 for two nights B&B, including opera tickets and return travel.

Ski America

AMERICAN skiing is now competing with Continental prices - and snow conditions are superb. Be-tween January 10 and February 26 Virgin Holidays (01293 617181) offer return flights to Boston in New England, seven nights B&B accomunder 26s. For Motorailers, a new modation in Littleton, New Hamp-lavailable. The Calais-Rimini service takes 19 shire plus self-drive car hire, costing from £322 single. from £349. Skiing on Heavenly's ferry crossing.

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nia, return flights from Heathrow to San Francisco, seven nights accommodation, plus car rental, costs from £369, while seven nights' accommodation for skiing on Mammoth and June mountains in California with flights to LA costs from £399 including the car hire.

Note that the free car hire excludes damage waiver and local taxes, which in New England, for example, cost \$147, or £92 for a

Scottish sail

ABERDEEN will host the start of the 1997 Cutty Sark Tall Ships race between July 12 and 15, as more than 80 square-rigged sailing ships as-semble in the city for the race which goes on to Trondheim and Stavang-er, finishing in Gothenburg. The 3,000 crew members expect to

be joined by half a million spectators for a series of events culminating in the Parade of Sail, the traditional farewell of the ships as they move to the start line.

Plane pass

CAMPUS Travel (0171-730 3402) offers students and under 20s British Skytrekker Airpasses from about £27 per flight. With a five coupon air pass costing £139, the holder could take in London, Guernsey, Plymouth, London again, Aberdeen and back to London, Seven coupons cost £189, three coupons cost £89. All travel must be completed by September 17.

Irish abode

THE Romans never came to Ire-land, so relieving the tedium of straight roads," explains the new Country Cottages of Ireland (0990 851177) brochure, the latest offering from the Thomson-owned English Country Cottages Group. There are properties from restored Georgian country houses, to simple converted cottages sleeping two. Scarrif View Cottage in Co Kerry

is half a mile from the village and its pub, four miles from the beach, there is an inglenook fireplace and low beamed sloping ceiling in the bedrooms for hitting heads. It sleeps four (plus cot) and costs from £509 for a week in early May - £956 in high season, both including the car

The Georgian Richmond House is in the Clare Lakes area of Corolin, its grounds overlooking the River Fergus. It can sleep nine plus a baby in a cot, and a meal service is available. The house costs from £1,146-£1,666 a week, including the



The Venus de Milo in the Louvre: Eurolines coaches go to Paris

Night-time is the right time

GUIDE TO

There are untold faux pas waiting to be made in the subterranean world of the Paris nightclub. For a start, night-life does not begin until the early morning showing up at a club before lam is seen as gauche or desperate. Then there is the struggle to cross the thresholdof-the-moment, denied if you are not on some secret guest list or one of "les lookes" - the trendy and beautiful.

This week's trends — it is too risky to predict much further

include the continuing rise of salsa, tango and samba nights as well as world parties; the appearance of small, late drinking clubs and restaurants; **INSIDER'S**

and the disco revival. Dedicated clubbers weigh their ontions seriously. consulting the monthly Nova magazine, and its listings section. detailing specific nights at each club one-off raves and events.

prices and ad-

dresses. In the lat-

est edition Nova provides a guide to the clubs who let women or les nanas in free at the start of the night, in order to lure *les mecs* — the guys. This is helpful, since most clubs charge Fro0 to Fr140, and drinks are very expensive. For daily club news, tune

into Radio Nova on 101.5MHz at 6pm. In Figaroscope in Wednesday's Figaro newspaper, there is a Nocturno listing of clubs and parties. Otherwise, the Time Out English section of Pariscope magazine provides a limited guide. The old-fashioned 1930 dance-hall Le Balajo has re-

gained prominence with its Latino nights, as has La Java in Belleville, but be warned that French clubbers tend to take lessons in salsa or tango and display their expertise. Nothing more embarrassing than being whisked off by a snake-hipped Frenchman, only to lumber in his arms. The serious attention paid to dancing means that the Latino clubs are not forced into becoming a meat market.

Also in the increasingly happening Belleville-Menilmontant area is La Fleche d'Or, an old railway station converted into a bar with mismatched tables and an equally mismatched clientele. It is more scruffy than glitzy. but incredibly right-on, with bands and dancing at the weekends.

The true disco experience can still be had at Queen, a large gay club which has mixed nights including Saturday. Platform boots and glitter may be worn for disco, although there are also more mainstream techno house nights. Les Bains is Eurotrash

heaven, with rich men in suits and supermodels dancing in the former Turkish baths. Ordinary human beings consider themselves lucky to be able to pay the large admission doorperson is Marilyn, an enormous woman

with unfathomable tastes. For those who just want to dance and have a good time without draconian door policies, the twice-monthly Bal on Saturdays at the Elysée Monunar-

tre is a good bet. Both the Metro and the limited evening bus service stop just after midnight. Night buses run every hour on a few routes, but most people take

At popular late-night places, such as Chatelet and the Bastille, there is often a long wait at ranks, making it worthwhile to walk home or call a taxi before you leave the

KATE MUIR

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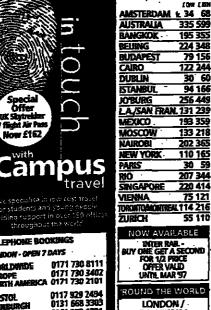
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Across Vietnam by motorcycle Mark Mann rode off the tourist

T ead west from Hanoi and the landscape is straight out of a Chi nese watercolour. Crags hang suspended in mist, and disjointed fragments of mountainside float between curtains

of cloud. In the valleys, vast limestone mounds from out of the fog like giant sailboats adrift in a sea of paddy fields.

In Vietnam's recent tourist boom, the north west has been virtually ignored. This is curious, because it is perhaps the country's most spectacular and interesting region.
Near the Chinese border,

Vietnam's highest mountains - forested peaks that the French called the Tonkinese Alps" - soar to more than 9,000ft. Villages of bamboo stilt-

houses squeeze into steep valleys. A quiltwork of paddy fields covers every flat space. 100 different shades of green. Peasants wade knee-deep in the water, planting, then harvesting, rice.

The hill tribes here are closely related to those of northern Thailand and Laos. There are three groups: Hmong, Thai and Xao. The stilt-houses by the rivers are Thai, while the Hmong and Xao live in the hills in earthfloored dwellings,

Inside, most homes are single rooms with no furniture. except one or two large beds. Possessions are basic crockery preserved from the days of the French, chopsticks, wok, vacuum flask and, perhaps, a battered tape recorder.

The tribes divide into subgroups identified by dress: blue, red, white, black and multi-coloured versions of each, plus the Money Xao. who use old Chinese coins as decoration.

al dress, with intricate patterns that announce the wearer's tribe, village and status. Many groups have migrated from southern China only recently, ignoring There is, naturally, a catch

to all this scenery and ethnography. There are almost no hotels or hostels, apart from in Dien Bien Phu, site of the decisive battle that ended French rule. Nor is there much in the way of information. banks, or English-speakers. Travel is a challenge, but one whose rewards justify the

As the Victnamese remain unconvinced that tourists realtly are allowed to use local

trail in South-East Asia to see stunning views and roasted dog



Vietnamese people use the road as a meeting place

rare, crowded and unbelievably uncomfortable), the best way to get around is to rent a 4WD car in Hanoi - or, as we did, some motorcycles. A guide is essential to communicate and arrange accummedation. Away from Hanoi's chaotic

mess of bicycles and mopeds the roads are almost empty, but still full of unexpected obstacles. On wet, winding mountain passes, lorries emerge from the fog like ghosts - the Vietnamese are convinced that using a headlight costs money. Bicycles are exempt from any road rules. There are potholes, loose

rocks, fallen trees, rivers to ford, bambon bridges, unsurfaced sections and endless tight curves. Straight, flat stretches? There are none. These are minor details. The

real problem is that the road (not just the edges of it, either) is an extension of everyone's living room. Children rush unexpectedly out of their houses; women chat or sit cooking: crops are left to dry, dogs fight: men chop wood. vendors sell fruit: goats, pigs, chickens and water-buffalo feed. Nobody takes any notice of traffic.

In the event, I had only one minor crash - a cyclist who swerved suddenly as I was overtaking. None of the by-standers looked surprised to see me sliding along underneath my bike. Our guide. Jean-Paul was once a major in the North Vietnamese Army and ran our trip like a military

we were somehow under his command. "Now you eat," he would order. Or, grabbing a bemused hill-tribe woman, 'take her photograph". My companion Barbara would get off their bike (she was riding pillion behind him) furning "if he tells me when to wave once more I'm going to kill him".

We bought supplies in bustling little markets full of hilltribe women in colourful headdresses, trying to ignore the cooked dogs that lay chopped into pieces like gruesome selfassembly kits. A roasted head sat beside each dismembered carcass, teeth bared.

n the evenings we ate, cross-legged on the floor. L in the home of families we had met only half-an-hour earlier. Jean-Paul simply asked at the nearest house if we could stay. Nobody re-fused. Like the Three Kings, we came bearing gifts, although ours were an unhealthy trinity of sweets. cigarenes and monosodium

glutamate powder. After dinner the men smoked tobacco in bamboo waterpipes while wide-eyed, open-mouthed "staring committees" gathered to watch us. We began to feel more like touring exhibits than tourists. The crowd watched us go to bed. We sometimes awoke to find them still gawping in the morning. Had they been there

all night? We slept with a half-dozen people every night, for there is no such thing as a spare bed country and most Vietnamese have never slept in a bed alone. I wondered how they produce so many children in such circumstances.

When we asked where the toilet was Jean-Paul would demand "is it a see or a person Heated debate ensued among our hosts. I wondered what they were discussing, for the answer was always "outside". Onlookers would then gather to watch me go, as if unsure what might come out.

Conversation focused on four questions, embracing the fundamental concerns of rural Third World life. "Where are you from?" "Are you married?" "How many children?" "How old are you?" After that, everyone looked puzzled.

What were we doing in their village, with no apparent purpose except to get back to Hanoi, which we had only just left? What was the point of tourism? And why were we not married, especially as we were so rich — was there something horribly wrong with us?

The only foreigners most people under 40 had ever seen were the now-departed Soviet soldiers and technicians, universally despised for their unfriendly arrogance. The Vietnamese, ironically, speak of them with an animosity totally absent in reference to Americans.

On our bikes, crowds formed to cheer us through villages, like Damon Hill winning the British Grand Prix. Excited children jumped up and down, shouting to alert their friends.

Out of nowhere, a surreal stretch of perfectly-surfaced and deserted motorway led back to the vibrant streets of Hanoi, I stopped to have a broken brake-lever welded by a man sitting on the pavement with a blow-torch. Then we returned the bikes and staggered off to get drunk.

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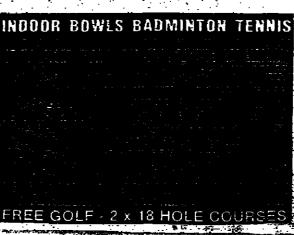
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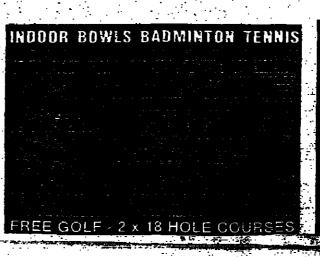
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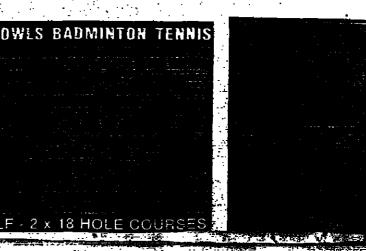
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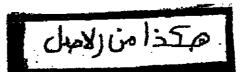


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While he was active, Keres collected his best games into a series of anthologies. The first, The Road to the Top, containing 51 games, has now been reissued, in simplified modern algebraic notation as used in this column, edited by John Nunn (Batsford, £15.99). This game is a superb example of Keres's tactical skills, culminating in a sacrificial breakthrough on h7, with f7 one of the main Achilles heels of the fortifications of a

castled black king. White: Paul Keres Black: Reuben Fine Queen's Gambit Declined

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The opening has been standard. White has a strong pawn centre, with a potential passed pawn in the d-file, good development and some makings of an attack against the black king. On the other hand though, Black has no obvious weaknesses, and has also succeeded in effecting simplification which could make it hard for White to attack.

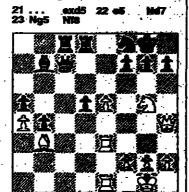
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Evidently an exchange of queens would be entirely in Black's favour. After such a trade, White's attacking chances would evaporate, and Black's majority of pawns on the queen's flank would be at least as

significant as Whate's centre pawns. Instead of this supine course, Keres transfers his queen into direct alignment with the black

king. 17... Rid8 18 Re3. In his notes Keres prefers the immediate 18 e5, though after 18 . . . Nd5 19 Ng5 h6 20 Ne4 Nc3 21 Ni6+ Kh8 things are not clear.

Having massed his forces. White must strike. Further delay would allow Black gradually to profit from his own powerful passed pawn on b4. With the text, White prepares to hurl all his forces at the black king.



Black should have preferred 23 ... ho, when great complications arise after 24 et hags 25 et 7+ Kar?

24 Noth?. A brilliant breakthrough on one of Blacks most sensitive squares, even though it appears to be heavily guarded. Fine had overlooked this.

24 . . . Nxth7 25 Rth3 Oct. An ingenious riposte, speculating on the weakness of White's back rank. The attacked knight on h7 cannot move, of course, in view of Qh8 mate. Nevertheless, Keres can now power through with a brutal from tal assault

26 Oxh7+ KS 27 Mm3 44 28 Oh6+ Ke7 28 Omg7 FB 30 Of6+ Ke6 31 46

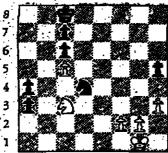
Black resigns. After the forced 31 dxe3 32 exf7+ Rxf7 33 Bxf7+ Kd7 34 Qe6+ Black either loses his queen or is mated. In the midst of this, 32 ... Kd7 33 Qe6- Ke7 34 Rxcl+ is also fatal for Black.

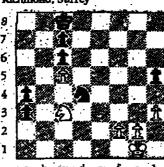
By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Sedina - Miles, Jakarta 1996. An outside passed pawn is a tricky customer for a knight. Here White's knight on c3 seems to have the opposing a-pawns under con-trol, but Black's next move proved

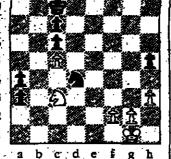
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Last week's winner: D Gorst, Richmond, Surrey







with different arrangements to get the best results from your fishy residents. In time, they will come to visit and may stay, or you can drift off any time in your submersible to

> can attempt to strike up a relationship by emitting a choice of sonar sounds from your sub. Only in time do you know which arrangements attract or deflect which fish. They all look beautiful but, rather alarmingly, can be paperthin as they turn around. Some swim around or flip over when you communicate with them but a few

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Chris Wilson of Beckley, Oxfordshire

Sliding across from the console to the PC market, Sega's Ecco the Dolphin is a beautifully-rendered eco-friendly platform game on CD-Rom. There's a fine rhythm to the action as you guide a dolphin high diving and ducking through the water to save family and friends. Atmospheric dolphin song accom-

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

a. A heraldic blazon

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b. A throw at ju-jitsu c. A long-tailed fowl VOLSELLA

b. A turn at dressage c. Tweezers

a. A dairy farm c. A feudal rent holiday

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b. Consideration

a. A card game

a. An Alpine flower

VACCARY b. A New Forest moss

Answers on page 17

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

COMPUTERS THAT attempt to play bridge have not so far progressed beyond beginner level. Bob Hamman's recent scathing remark about the existing programs was: They ll have to improve to be hopeless." Nevertheless there are some good uses of computers in bridge. The teaching program Bridge Master is an example. It was written by Fred Gitelman, a member of the Canadian team which came runner-up in the 1995 Bermuda Bowl.

What the program does is to give you a durarny play problem. As you play, the cards for the completed tricks are removed. If there is a sure-tricks line, then if you take another line it won't succeed - the program cunningly moves the vital cards around to make certain the second-best line fails. Then when the hand is over the screen displays all four hands, and gives an analysis of the correct line. The program has 180 hands, classified into are five categories of difficulty. The hand below is an example from category three.

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Contract: Six Species by South. Lead: king of hearts .

I have shown all four hands, but when you play, only the cards held by declarer and dummy are visible. You arrive in Six Spades with no opposition bidding. You would be quite happy to be in Seven Spades after winning the heart lead and unblocking the ace of clubs you can cross to dummy with the king of diamonds and throw your losing

heart on the king of clubs. Then

you play a diamond to the ace, and

if that survives you have the rest of the tricks on a high cross-ruff. However if you try that line in Six Spades, West ruffs your ace of diamonds and returns a trump. leaving you a trick short. The computer announces bleakly that

your rating is "Incorrect". What you must do is to start as above, but after cashing the king of clubs duck the second round of diamonds. That preserves the ace

Now you are in a position to ruff two diamonds, and draw trumps. and finally cash the ace of diamonds. If you manage that, your rating is displayed as "Hamman" or "Zia", or the next on the program's list of star names.

I liked the program. In many ways it is an improvement on just reading a hand in a book. But it costs £60 for 180 hands; for that you could get half-a-dozen or so decent

books. I must stress that you need a personal computer to run Bridge Master, It comes in Dos or Windows versions, and is available from Chess and Bridge (0171-388 2404).

If you have any doubts about whether you have the right equipment, you can phone Chess and Bridge for more information.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

TO CHILL out at the end of the day adventurous tricks would have been good. Still, with something exotic and totally undernanding, take the plunge there is something delightfulwith Artdiak's Aquanaut's Holily alluring about Aquanaut's day. A deep-sea exploration with no Holiday although perhaps a predetermined beginning, middle. real fish tank might be more or end, it can easily fill a lazy hour relaxing at the end of the day. or two and you'll encounter every-thing from vibrant shoals of small Aquanaut's Holiday is not for those in need of instant gratifry to turtles, dolphins, whales and fication. It takes a good ten even (harmless) sharks. hours to get going so it's vital The PlayStation title places you to be able to save your game. in charge of an international ocean-

"Why should we pay full fare to return on the

Channel Tunnel? We were only it when we came over

One of PlayStation's drawographic institute, your mission to backs is the lack of a built-in establish a thriving, colourful coral save facility. To do this you need a plug-in memory card. reef colony. This is done by laying such as Datel's Memory 'Card Plus. One of the largest cards around, it stores up to 120 games. Should you reouire even more PlayStation save options, Datel also seek them out for yourself. Inhabitmakes the Memory Disc Drive which allows you to discs.

by Tim Wapshott



feature in Aquanaut's Holiday

through all 30 levels. From Dolphins to Dalmatians as Disney prepares to spring its live 101 Dalmatians on us, starring Glenn Close as Cruella de Vil. The new version differs from the original by giving kindly Roger Radcliff a new job -- instead of a songwriter he's now a games programmer working, most fortuitously for Dis-

ney, on 101 Dalmatians The CD-Rom. The game is even plugged boldy in the closing credits but, to save you trawling the shops in vain in the run-up to Christmas, it's not scheduled for release here until the New Year. The only current title offer-

ing you a Dalmatian to play with is Oddballz - and that's only momentarily. Following in the traditions of Dogz and Catz, Mindscape's Oddballz allows you to adopt a pet which lives in the computer. You feed, play and stroke it regularly and it grows into a faithful computer companion. In Oddballz the weird animals have largely canine

normal self. If you haven't yet entered Cyberspace Twenty-Eight there is still time — but you'll have to be quick. Entries must reach us by

characteristics. In one case the creature becomes a Dalmatian then, I think, a rabbit,

Tuesday, December 10. We have a dozen copies of BBC's excellent Mastermind CD-Rom to be won. To enter, answer the following: "In

which country was archaeology

expert Magnus Magnusson born?" Answers, on a postcard please, together with your name, age, address and home telephone number, to: Cyberspace Twenty-Eight, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend, The Times, London El 9XN. The first 12 correct entries plucked out of the postbag will win.

Finally, thank you to everyone who entered Cyberspace Twenty-Seven. We asked which 1960s star sang on the Pet Shop Boys hit What Have I Done To Deserve This? Suggestions included Marianne Faithfull and Sandie Shaw but the answer was, of course, Dusty Springfield. Our 12 winners, who each receive copies of PSB's Videography Video CD are: lain Roberts of Edinburgh, Malcolm Bampton of Southport, Thomas Brambill of Essex, David Smith of London, Jane Theaker of Sheffield. Robin Arnfield of Oxfordshire, David Littlewood of Lincolnshire, Jon Sendel of Sheffield, Ian Anderson of Merseyside, Anthony Ellis of Wolverhampton and Richard Priest of Hertfordshire.

"Cruella de Vil. If she doesn't scare you. no evil thing will." From the Disney song, Cruella de Vil (101 Dalmatians, 1961).

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No 3387: Explanations by Waterloo

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Depressing opening, unfortunately starting in an incluctable situation, leading to accidental killing. Movement mother said is crazy inside. Secure spoon with upper-case initial instead of circle. Miss fish having mound of missing things. (3)
Brownie's mistake about points of the compass.
Get letter back after 3rd of July and make gross growth. He's altered history for delicacy. (6) Without Bowdler, bowdlerise long story. (4)
Evil old castle's getting rid of heartless girl.
Something in the air which whisky-drinkers get. (3) 20 Good proviso — IRA man makes lovey-dovey remarks.

(3)
Wish we could be organised but not old. (3) Power lost from returning throughout service.

Miser with hard heart coming back — three thousand! It 22 23 makes a good foundation, (6)
Get an idea and drop round after the revolu.
Old marriage Spain's ruled out — and Jerusalem, for 25 27 Before time, in Kensington, it's about four: after time, in 28

Edinburgh, it's one (about).
Layout shows house with front and back switched 29 Einstein originally made wrong liquid in the wrong New monism comes before a frantic crisis - monarch 27 32

brings them out. (8) Heads have them behind state: list second half only. (4) Dancing dervish starting a fuss — stuff from pump is not enough to drink. (6) A reversed state - distress. (6)

Poe's endlessly wanting poison, or what knives used to Starting kissing Elizabeth by Scots town? This James I 39 might have been king (4) Slash noise of noisy French noes. (3) 40

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Coming with us, taking in repeated music, perhaps, and powdered places for young climbers. (I'wo words) Trimmer taxable returns eat away bliss. (3) There are usualy straps to raise this excellent person in hell. (4)

Piss might compete with paint for a point. (3) Cisco oilmen with old-fashioned curt excuse. (6) Alison frantic, inside out - last of Cinzano gone, treated as ale. (8) Bosses rub bruiser the wrong way in slight reverse. (6)

Insist last four in race show inside effect. (4) Brief period in defence. Peck drop of sealing wax. Get netting consisting of net.

taking the place of gym. Make sure about right brand. Daily rows beginning to have a negative effect on charisma. (3)

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Stoker, perhaps, with a brisk god. (4) It's usual to make the sign of the cross once. Mixed union backing risked half bar strike. (6) River turtle partly demystified.

Spats gathering for common purpose around sister commune (6) Taking short bathe, unfinished, shrinking from notice. James, possibly, getting in before and coming back for

Horace, perhaps. Make an end of father inside, after beginning externally.

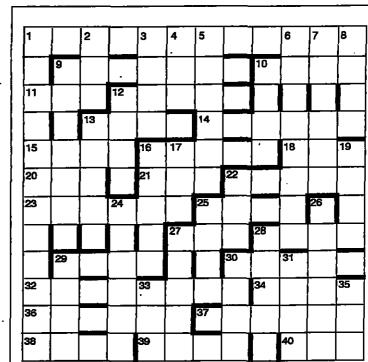
Old way simpleton loses piece of land. Ovens in Seine et Oise we plunge into water. (4) Opening fist to Italian thank you shows palm free. (3) Had shock with friend off piste. (3)

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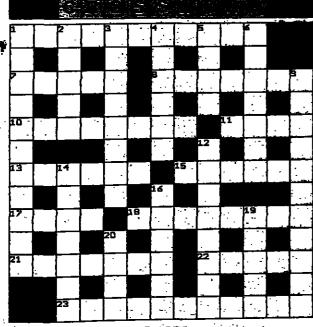
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Alarm bell-push (5.6) 7 Take unimhibited pleasure (in) (5)

8 Canal-side way (7) 10 Idler (8) 11 List of dishes, options (4) 13 Root Raleigh brought us (6)

15 Busy activity; old skirt-ex-pander (6) 17 Fish; an eccentric (rev.) (4) 18 Lear's loving daughter (8) 21 Causing pain (7) 22 Entice (5)

23 Unknown-destination ex-

cursion (7.4)

1 Rich piece of prose (6.5) Construction worker (5) Sexually abstinent (8) 4 False (6) 5 Conurbation (4)

6 Most close; may also be dearest (7)

9 Teacher giving pastoral care (11) 12 The giving of expert opin-ions (tron.) (8)

14 Display of temper (7) 16 Coat fastener; type of switch

19 Place where one is forgotten 20 Lodgings; disturbs ground

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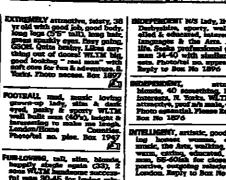
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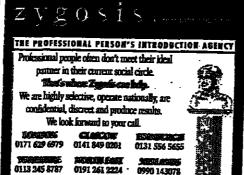
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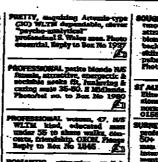
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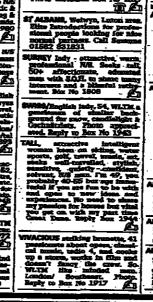


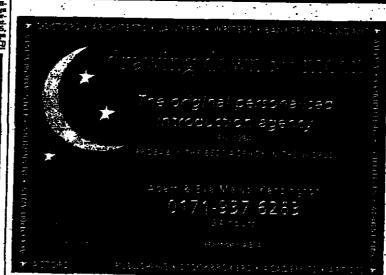




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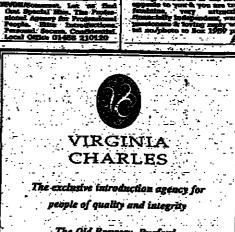


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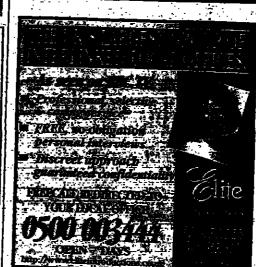


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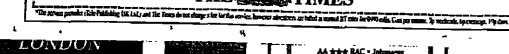
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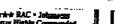
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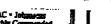


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Tacky style but a groovy drive

Bridget Harrison found Ford's Ka

full of pretentious gimmicks — then she sat behind the

wheel. It made her feel like a girl

racer and left even the Mini standing

The Ka. Ford claims, is set to be the style statement of the Nineties. It will be a car that people buy, not only out of need, but out of desire. In the Ka's tiny size and radical looks. Ford is hoping to reproduce the classic appeal of the Mini which has maintained style, origi nality and popularity for almost 40 years. It has already named it "the Mini for the new millennium", but will car buyers agree?

Spending millions on advertising and marketing to target drivers with an attitudinal mindset. Ford launched the Ka to great fanfare at Conran's Mezzo in London's Soho with a glitzy party that included The Big Breakfast's Sharron Da-vies and "It Girl" Tamara Beckwith. With this in mind, my gut reaction towards the Ka is

aversion to driving a car whose sense of style has been contrived by marketing men in grey suits, let alone promoted by Ms Beckwith. Second, would any driver with an iota of originality and flair wish to be seen in a Ford? The small blue emblem has stamped too many Cortinas, Escorts and Sierras to be taken seriously as a symbol of style.

screamingly apparent as soon as you set eyes on it. Its body is rounded, almost like a Beetle, with shapely curves and dinky headlights that shine like eyes. Its features have been designed to make it stand out from the crowd, and appeal especially to women. The effect is too obvious to be cool.

In contrast, the Mini started life as a doodle on the back of a cigarette packet Invented in 1959 by Sir Alec Issigonis, who had the brainwave of fitting the engine into a 2ft area by turning it sideways, the Mini was revolutionary in automobile design. The first fourseater car with a length of just 10ft, and under £500 in price, it reflected a time of both technical and so-

cial revolution. By the swinging Sixties everyone who was anyone owned a Mini - the Beatles, Bowie, Jagger, Twiggy, Paul Newman and Steve McQueen, even Enzo Ferrari. In the Sev-enties it had become such a symbol of British life: that inflation was mea-

sured by its price.

Apart from a few other little gerns such as the Beetle, Citroen 2CV and

Renault 4, no car has come close to the character of the Mini. But in a sense, the Ka is also a reflection of its time. After years of churning out bland cars, manufacturers are trying to put character and style back into their products. A revolution of niche marketing and packaging is upon us and there is no better example than the Ka.

and it is almost possible to hear the . make a compartment for make-up,

brains of Ford's designers ticking over. The dashboard resembles a space capsule, jazzed up with a pretty white speedometer, natty luminous clock and dinky eyeball air vents. Although practical and user friendly, these added touches are unbearably contrived.

Instead of a shelf, the Ka has a better example than the Ka. grey plastic "purse" embedded into its dashboard. This pops open to

and ingeniously turns over to reveal a storage box for CDs. Totally over the top, the feature is nothing but naff and inconvenient for anyone who likes to have a few possessions cluttering their dash-

Dinky designing aside, the most unforgivable mistake Ford has made is in choosing such a terrible name. Once again, the men in grey suits were allowed to let marketing

taste. "Ka" apparently means "life force and soul" in Egyptian. No doubt Ford thought the association a clever idea. However, the reality leaves one at a total loss when using the word. Only a catchy nickname, like the Beetle (originally called the Volkswagen, Hitler's People's Car) might save it. y firm cynicism to-wards the Ka only

speak obscure common sense and

began to melt when I power steering and fast acceleration under my belt. I suddenly felt as mean as any man in a Mercedes. I found myself burning round Hyde Park Corner in the rush hour as if it was a quiet country roundabout and I lane-barged as deftly as the toughest of black cabs. With "Girl in a Sports Car" blasting on the stereo. I was transformed into a slick chick on a mission and unquestionably the toughest totty on the road. The Ka may have been over-designed on the exterior, but inside I was cool. Struggling across London in a Mini is, sadly, not a comparable experience. Laden down with two ssengers, in serious traffic and grappling with a clunky clutch was enough to give me footache for a week. Hyde Park Corner became a jungle of juggernauts and towering coaches which left me sweating.

Small hopes for AD2000

Chic and technically radical, the Mini became synonymous with locations such as London's Portobello Road in the Swinging

Sixties. The Ka may not have the same iconoclastic style when parked there, but slices its way through Nineties urban traffic

THE race is on to find the Mini for the millennium. Carmakers are ready to roll out a line of new models — starting with the Ford Ka, launched as much for its style as its practicality. But Mercedes is preparing its new A-class car, which will be ready in two years, and then will come the new Mini, the version for the year 2000 of the car which

defined the word and the class.

What it will be like, we have no idea. And will it ever be able to live up to the original Mini, which even managed to have an entire film - The Italian Job — devoted to it?

We have driven the revamped 1997 version, though, and compared it with the Ka and 21 other competitors in the market for minis and superminis. Turn to pages 2 and 3.

and no cab driver even acknowl-

edged my existence. It was only

alone on the open road, burning

round corners with the engine vrooming as it did in The Italian

Job, that I could really appreciate

Another car nudging at the Mini market is the Fiat Cinquencento. In

my opinion this little number does

not deserve a look in. No doubt

loved by its many owners, to me it

the Mini's true class.



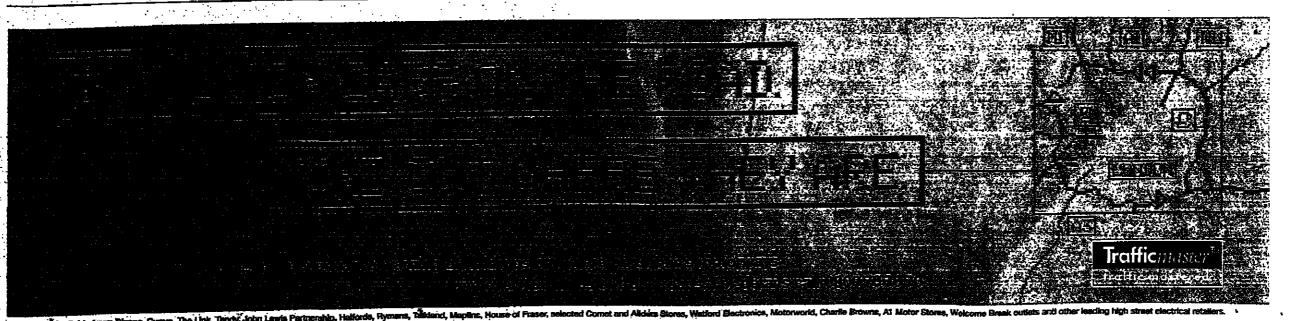
Starring the car: the Mini in The Italian Job

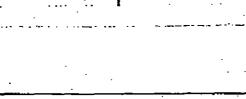
embody a sense of style. It is nippy and fun, but nothing special behind the wheel and, more to the point, is used too frequently as a hire car on package holidays to be truly cool. I doubt if any car, however small

is too twee and buggy-like ever to

or cunningly designed, will ever take the place of the Mini. Despite its faults, it will always remain the original of its kind. The Ka may be just as good a reflection of its time. but only by its radical looks rather

than the technology of its design. Nurtured with love and an icon on the road, the Mini is a style classic. However, if an object of style can be derived not only from innovation, love and a past, but also from how it makes you feel, then the Ka may find a place in history yet. Not for its girnmicks, curves or dinky touches, but simply because it is groovy to drive.





In the age of the small, environmentally friendly car, what are the pros and cons out of more than 20.

fter the disappearance of Bob Monkhouse's gag book comes the loss of the script for making minis. Carmakers are rushing to market with a generation of small frugal cars designed to run around crowded towns and cities yet offer big car

comfort and equipment.
There were already 22 minis, like the original Mini or Fiat Cinquecento, or superminis - as their slightly bigger sisters are known on the market when Ford announced the launch of the Ka and accelerated the race for sales in the segment. Ford reckons the demand

for small cars like the Ka will jump in the next three years to more than I million across Europe by the end of the century.

Apart from the fact that we need cars that are easier to park, easier on fuel and easier on the environment, more families are becoming two or even three-car households. Apart from dad's company car. they want a people-carrier or a 4x4 for weekends and a runabout either for mum's shopping or the teen-

agers to drive. But when the marketing men wrote their script for the future, they forgot the obvious. They asked

We only need certain minimal requirements

lots of drivers what they wanted in a new supermini and, not surprisingly, discovered potential buyers ran up a list which included almost everything but the kitchen sink. Of course they wanted air-conditioning, compact disc player and power

steering. Amazing they didn't go on to ask for a troop of dancing girls, 26-piece orchestra and candlelight dinner for four with the package. So the Ka arrived, a two-door

ing and the CD player Meanwhile, the Mini - 38 years after launch — goes on and on.
Only now it comes stacked to the window panes with houry like a walnut dashboard and a stereo. hatchback with a basic price of £7,350 -- £8,195 if you go for Ka2

two-year finance and it could cost you nearer to £10,500—the price of a decent mid-size family saloon.

What went wrong? Surely the storyline for the future of small

cars, which will cover relatively few miles weekly mainly in town, should be of bare, basic but technically accomplished small cars using new and cleaner fuel

Surely, this is a plot which should end with a range of new cars which are not only small but cheap. Of course buyers will vote for a CD player if they are given the

And it costs nearly £9,000. Buy it on choice. But if their journey is only five miles long, they could manage with Classic FM for 20 minutes. When parents look for their leenager's car, they want safety first and low cost second.

When the Mini was launched, it had string-pull door openers, sliding windows and a single big speedo in the centre of the dashboard. It was cheap and fun, and it sold by the million. Today, the Ka is £1.000 too expensive, the Mini at least £3,000 over-priced. Cut the sticker price and millions more will want small - but inexpensive



Size: Minimum length 3.531mm/width 1.575mm. Price: £6,350 to £6,700.

For: Clever and nippy. Against: Long-in-the-tooth, unrefined. Verdict: Almost past its self-by-date, but cute styling and clever packaging make the AX worth a look for the money (some might even say it's more interesting than the Saxo). Be quick the place an order, though: the car is due to be phased out as Saxo takes over.



Size: Length 3,718mm/width 1,575mm. Price: £7,350 to £9,390 For: Clean new look.

Against: No character Verdict: Surely, looks too bland by half to be a proper Citroen. What happened to the quirks which were so endearing? Better-equipped versions verge on the pricey side. Having said that, the Saxo is a good, if undistinguished, performer and deserves consideration



DAIHATSU CHARADE Size: Length 3,750mm/width 1,620mm. Price: £7,795 to £10,335.

For: Everything works. Against: So what? styling.

Verdict: Someone, somewhere loves the Charade, but not that many people. Clever engine, but the ride is unplea and the cabin unwelcoming. Dealer coverage too far spread to make the Charade a realty serious player in Britain



Size: Length 3,760mm/width 1,625mm. Price: £7,482 to £10,527.

FOR A Flat that works. Against: Dating against rivals.

Verdict: Classy ride, great engines and lots of fun. The Punto, former European Car of the Year, looks good and feels good, but serious players with an eye on their wallets might worry about resale prices, which have a tendency to free-fall, while durability is also a concern.



FORD FIESTA Size: Length 3,628mm/width 1,634mm. Price: £7,645 to £11,315. For: New engines, new looks. Against: Avoid harsh 1.3 engine. Verdict: Incredibly-improved old stager. Roomy, driveable, cute styling and extremely highly-equipped as well as aggressively priced. Go for the brilliant high-power/high economy 1.25 engine. Remarkable revamp for an ageing package to stay top of the sales chart.



KIA PRIDE Size: Length 3,556mm/width 1,600mm. Price: £5,489 to £6,749. For: Cheap.

Against: Ugiy, old tech. Verdict: Not worth the effort really. Thin dealer network flogging what is essentially a disguised old Mazda. Why pay the same for the technology of yesteryear when you can have the new stuff? Nothing special on offer here (assuming you can find one), so keep looking.



Size: Length 4,006mm/width 4,250mm. Price: £4,845 to £7,345. For: Incredibly cheap.

Verdict: Only in the survey on price because it would be too big to consider otherwise. Much-improved and looks better, but still too unsophisticated to compete with the rest. Cheap sticker price, but resale prices can be embarrassing. So spend a bit more to be sure.



MAZDA 121 Size: Length 3,628mm/width 1,634mm. Price: 28,385 to £10,805. For: It works.

Against: It's a Fiesta Verdict: Why does Mazda need the 121, a rebadged Fiesta made at Dagenham in Essex? The Japs want to boost their European sales using this Dagenham clone, but for British buyers there is no point in switching. Ford's big dealer network sees to that. And for recommendation, er, see under Fiesta.



MITSUBISHI COLT Size: Length 3,880mm/width 1,680mm. Price: 59,919 to £12,499. For: Reliable beyond belief. Against: Anonymous.

Verdict: One thing you know about any Mitsubishi is that the quality and reliability are great - but that's about all you can say Another Japanese car without face or character which will work for ever, though parts will be expensive and the Colt will never thalf.



NISSAN MICRA Size: Length 3,695mm/width 1,585. Price: £7,195 to £10,595. For: Made in Britain. Against: Looks like a pedal car.

Verdict: Whether you like the styling or not is irrelevant if you want reliable, cheap city transport. Micra was Japan's first - and deserved - European Car of the Year. Great packaging, ride with legendary build quality — and it's made in Sunderland. Nothing more need be said.



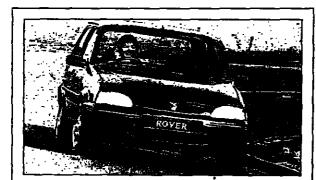
PEUGEOT 106 Size: Length 3,556mm/width 1,585mm. Price: £7,855 to £11,905. For: Best handling supermini,

Against Too pricey. Verdict: Peugeot is very good at small cars, and it would be difficult to find a better drive in this category. Looks great, while the "hot" versions are a joy. The French company demands a premium price for excellence and equipment, but sometimes you need to spend more for the best.



RENAULT CLIO Size: Length 3,708mm/width 1,626mm. Price: £7,490 to £14,750. For: Nicole likes it. Against: So does Papa.

Verdict: Long-time fevourite, and quite right too. Great drive, lots of room and distinctive styling make the Clio stand out from the rest. Managed to stay fresh against competition and still appeals across a wide age range. RSi version a stunner.



ROVER 100 Size: Length 3,048mm/width 1,397mm. Price: £7,186 to £12,586 For: Great engines.

Against: Older than Status Quo Verdict: Attempts to freshen a 16-year-old package tricky, but Rover has almost pulled it off Only 18 months or so before Rover runs the car out of production, so a good buy with excellent K-series engines. Definitely worth a second look. especially if Rover deals offer discounts.



SEAT IBIZA Size: Length 3,683mm/width 1,600mm Price: £7,485 to £13,150. For: It's a Volkswagen.

Against: It's a what? Verdict: Difficult to make a car which sounds like a chair interesting, but Seat has a go. Ibiza built on VW floorpan with WW experience, although Seat deliberately makes it cars sponier even if pretty expensive. Does have intriguing 1.8 16valve GT in the line-up too



SKODA FELICIA Size: Length 3,855mm/width 1,635mm. Price: £6,175 to £9,499. For: W quality control.

Against: Indifferent styling.

Verdict: Your kids won't like this choice, but don't be put off by the badge because VW has resurrected Skoda. Canny pricing, even though the Felicia is bigger than most of the cars in the top 20, makes the Skoda an interesting and worthy contender in this segment.



Subaru justy 🦠 Size: Length 3,745mm/width 1,590mm. Price: £9,433 to £9,834. For: Four-wheel-drive. Against: Why?.

Verdict: Subaru has kept faith with pioneering four-wheeldrive whether the customer wants it or not. The Justy has got it and it works very nicely, thank you. But that makes the Justy pretty expensive and it's not particularly demure or lovely. So leave 4x4s to Land Rover.



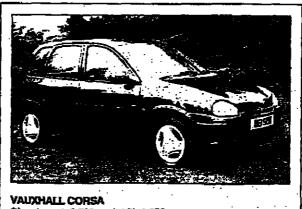
Size: Length 3.708mm/width 1,575mm. Price: £6,720 to £10,175. Against: Noisy, basic,

Verdict: Outsider in this survey, but one which performs. well Suzuki not hugely well-known for its cars, but the Swift will get you around town happily enough, though it might seem a little crude and unwelcoming against the best that is on offer from the Europeans.



TOYOTA STARLET Size: Length 3,708mm/width 1,575mm. Price: £8,359 to £11,469 For: it's a Toyota.

Against: Who cares? Verdict: Ugh! That name. Would you buy a starlet? Unimaginative name, styling and character -- although they have put a lot of effort into the pricing. At least you know your Starlet, if not a machine made in heaven, will beat most earthlings for quality and reliability.



Size: Length 3,730mm/width 1,608mm. Price: £7,850 to £12,275. For: Good looking. Against: Poor ride Verdict: Corsa was launched in adverts with a bevy of supermodels, yet still falled to capture public imagination. Wide range, although the drive is a little rough and ready and interiors unsophisticated. Not a good position to be in with the launch of the Ford Ka now under way. A rethink is due.

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VOLKSWAGEN POLO Size: Length 3,715mm/width 1,655mm. Price: £7,945 to £10,855. For: Build quality, shape. Verdict: Probably the best all-rounder in the category. Roomy, excellent build quality, handsome styling and enjoyable to drive. You pay slightly more for a Polo, but there are no holes: you are paying to own effectively the benchmark supermini.

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and who are the winners in this ferociously competitive sector? Alan Copps and Kevin Eason report



Out in front: from left, the Fiat 500 Cinquecento, the legendary Mini designed by Alec Issigonis and Ford's Ka, three examples of how small can be beautiful, practical, economical and ideal for driving in the streets of crowded cities

f you want to turn heads then the Ka is the thing to On my son's tenth birth-day we headed for London's Trocadero in this state-of-theart mini. Stuck fast in the Shaftesbury Avenue traffic something happened that occurs very rarely, even in the

Not once, but twice, people simply stepped off the pave-ment and rapped at the window to ask about the Ka. Park this curvy little number anywhere and you are likely to return to a knot of people discussing its shape.

If Ford set out to design a vehicle that would attract attention, it has succeeded beyond all expectations. But how does it drive?

You can't expect too many fireworks from the engine: Ford has equipped the Ka with the improved 1.3-litre Endura version of the unit that has powered the Fiesta for years, rather than the much more modern, economical and perkier 1.25-litre Zetec which has made recent Fiestas a pleasure to drive. It seems odd to put such a venerable design in a car that is being pushed so hard as a trendsetter, but Ford says it keeps costs down and that's vital because in this class of car cost is crucial and the Ka faces ferocious competition. The 1.3-litre engine also offers utter predictability and puts long-term reliability beyond doubt. Cheap servicing and Ford's vast dealer netlwork will also play a large

part in the equation for anyone looking for a car of this size. Where Ka scores most heavily is in its excellent handling and roadholding, especially when allied to the power-assisted steering, standard on the up-market Ka 2 and a £395 option on the base model. In town the tightest parking space is yours, while on a country road the response is better than many a larger car. It is this all-round ability that takes the Ka from being merely cute to appealingly

lote for any one of three leaders

The newest, the classic original and an Italian job lead the field

The shape might be all curves and the interior may at first look gimmicky. But try getting from A to B and it is soon apparent that both are also functional. The Ka is as much fun to drive as the most nimble competitor, but also has an air of modernity and sophistication that most lack.

The controls are simple and come to hand readily and the driving position is more easily and thoroughly adjustable than in any of its rivals. The bubble shape gives excellent headroom front and rear and the expanses of glass in the cabin provide brilliant visibility, exactly what is needed if you're trying to do some nippy driving in heavy traffic.

The rotating dashboard cubby hole might smack of ntiousness, but it solves the problem of where to store your CDs. Cup holders are a definite plus in a car of this size, as is the much larger rear cubby hole. The boot will hold a full load of family shopping.

What Ford has done is not ground-breaking as the Mini all those years ago, but ir's a triumphant success compared to what Vauxhall tried so hard to do with the Corsa.

MINI

wo lanes of traffic in solid, single file as far as the eye could see. Nowhere to go and nowhere to turn to - except in a Mini. The opposite singlecarriageway was clear, so I simply spun the Mini into a quick turn and headed back the way I had come to turn off and into clear road, Kevin

Eason writes.
The Mini is not just the retro-looking fashion accessory everybody seems to think it is these days. It is simply the best city car ever invented. Even 38 years after Sir Alec

Issigonis found a way to put four people into a box 10-feet long, nobody has managed the packaging better. You couldn't have spum the Ka in that narrow carriageway, or even the Cinquecento, come to that. Nor would either of them zip along so quickly, so niftily negotiating bends and turns, diving through tiny gaps that would normally have had me checking the wing mirrors to

see if they were still there. Rover has updated the Mini so it can pass the latest exhaust emission and crash tests. More powerful 1,275cc engine, tougher Koni shock absorbers and low-profile tyres on 13-inch wheels make the Mini as is to arrive. Issigonis, with suspension guru Alex Moulton, solved the problem of a harsh ride on such a small wheelbase early on and there is no unpleasant

iolting as in other small cars. Instead, the Mini is wonderful, as near to driving a go-kart with bodywork as you can get. The sit-up-and-beg driving position is still there and sixfooters will find the cramped distance between seat and pedals insufferable.

For the rest of us though, the Mini is laugh-a-minute driving, a dream in the city where you can park on a sixpence -2½p for our younger readers - and drill your way through even the heaviest traffic. Even on motorways, it will hold its own against the super-cruisers. But it is also noisy, harsh and unsophisticated, in spite of Rover's efforts to kid us otherwise by fitting a walnut dashboard, leather seats and lots of dials - and putting the price up to nearly £9,000.

Nonsense. The Mini should be as Issigonis intended it: bare, stripped down fun ... and cheap. Rover can throw away all the fancy walnut and leather: give me a speedo, fuel gauge, hardbacked seats even original string pull door openers — and cut the price to £4,500. Then I might order two of them.

FIAT 500

n a tiny package, the Fiat 500 offers basic transport with the typical virtues of Italian cars: a sense of style on the outside and an engine that responds willingly to make driving a pleasure, Alan Copps writes. In its Sporting version it will cruise a motorway as happily as fit into the timest parking space

I drove an SX version backto-back with Ka to see how it fares against the latest competition. While the Cinquecento remains an engaging car to

economical of its class - in terms of refinement and ride the current version is beginning to show its age. The Ka is

erior in iirish and comfort But on grounds of price the endearing little Cinquecento remains the leading mini by a long way. At £6,591 on the road, the SX version is £1,229 cheaper than the cheapest Ka

the luxury version we were given to test. Even the Cinquecento Sporting, the racy top-ofthe-range version which outperforms any Ka in speed and economy, costs only £7,054 -10 per cent less than the cheapest Ka and almost £2,000 less than the Mini

which takes a fraction of a

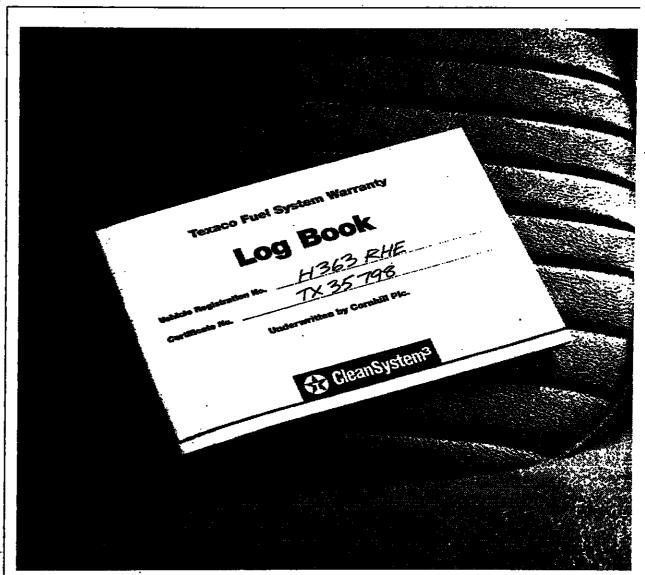
second less to reach 60mph

but which it beats for both top As a city car for short journeys, I still think the Ciriquecento is exceptional value. Even taking my wife and three-year-old daughter on a

100-mile househunting trip, it passed the tolerance test. In these environmentally aware days, it might also be

claimed as the most responsi-

introduced it in Italy as the first production car offered with the option of electric power. Very few electric versions have been sold, however. because of predictable problems of range and recharging. But the very idea suggests that this car, or a direct descendant, will be around well into the next millennium.



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Size: Length 3,227mm/1,485mm Price: Basic £6,133, SX £6,591,

Sporting £7,054. Performance: (SX) 0-60mph in 19.6 seconds, top speed 82mph, fuel consumption average 47.6mpg. Equipment: (SX) krumobiliser, central locking, manual sunroof, electric front windows, radio cassette all standard.

For: If price is the priority then it's hard to beat.

Against: Has driver appeal; but Verdict: For cheap and sheerful notoring still leads the way, but not so Size: Length 3,050mm/1,410mm. Price: £8,995.

Performance: (for 1.3) 0-60mph in 12.2 seconds, top speed 90mph, tuel consumption 43mpg average. Equipment: 12-Inch sport wheels,

leather steering wheel. Electric surroof £795, leather trim £500, wooden door cappings £295, sports pack For: Ultimate city car.

Against: Noisy, narsh and very. very expensive. Verdict: The one and only. Nearly middle-aged, but refusing to show it.

But cut the price to make it the

Size: Length 3,620mm/1,631mm Price: £7,820 (£8,665 Ka 2) Performance: (with power steering) 0-60mph in 14.3 seconds, top speed 96mph, fuel consumption 42.2mpg average.

Equipment: High-security locks

and immobiliser, soft-feel steering wheel, seatbelt grabbers. Ka 2 has as standard: power steering, central locking, power windows and driver seat adjustment pack. For: A joy to drive in or out of town.

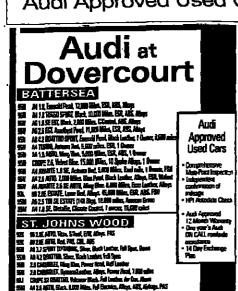
Verdict: A mini for the Nineties, but

Against: Cutesy marketing and

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Vomen don't act like dummies

ideotapes of people who were unaware they were being filmed seem to prove what has long been suspected: women tend to do it close up, while large, young men prefer to do it at arm's length.

Filmed in Britain and America, the tapes provide evidence that dummies used in crash tests fail to show important differences in how sex, build and age can affect the way people are injured in road

Women and the elderly are at greater risk in a head-on smash than young and middle-aged men, partly because, eing generally shorter and Highter, they sit closer to the steering wheel and dashboard. They also risk being hurt by the very safety devices that are supposed to safeguard them: head-rests, airbags and even seatbelts.

The films are part of a research programme by Murray Mackay. Professor of Transport Safety at Birmingham Accident Research Centre. He and his team say that filming drivers and front seat passengers when they were unaware they were being watched showed that the seated position adopted by real drivers appeared to differ greatly from the standard seated position assigned to Hybrid III dummies in crash tests".

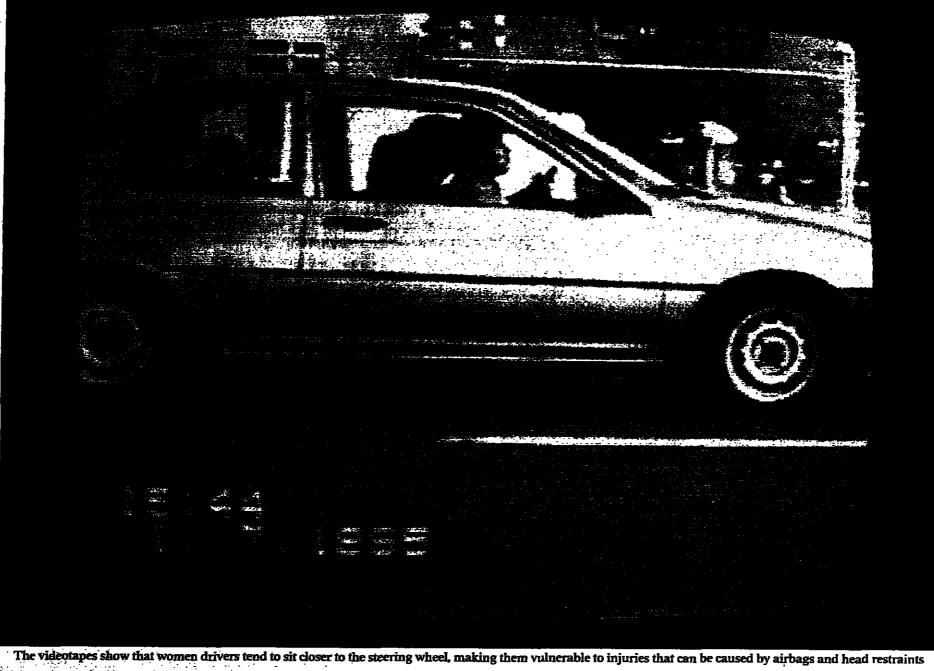
n a paper outlining his findings from a series of studies, he adds: "Since dummies do not appear to represent the real driver population in terms of head position, considerable doubt is hrown upon the practice of sing conventional dummy positions in the design process.

Speaking from his offices at

Birmingham University on the day it was reported that a one-year-old baby girl was decapitated by an airbag in Boise, Idaho, Dr Mackay also. explained how safety equipment can do more harm than ers and passengers sitting too close to the dashboard and head restraints can snap peo-ple's necks and heads backwards over the top of them in rear-end smashes unless they are positioned high enough behind the head. If the drivers or passengers sit too far fortheir heads are slammed back into

With airbag technology, sitting closer than the design position to the steering wheel carries risk of increased injury 🕻 the brain, neck and chest.: especially with the large volume North American bag,"

savs Dr Mackay. Even seathelts, while acknowledged as making a huge impact in saving lives, can cause harm if not worn corbroken ribs and the obese



the overweight fasten the belts abdominal injuries in the

event of an accident. Dr Mackay's unit has discovered that women sit up to 8.5 ins closer to the dashboard than men: however, tall, young men are more likely than women to be injured in side-on crashes. The revelation came after video cameras were set up at right angles to the traffic flow which, in America, recorded the drivers and passengers in 37 popular car models, and in Britain in

19 makes of vehicle. Passengers were even more unpredictable than drivers in the way they sat, and were consequently in even greater danger of injury when fidgeting or stooping to look at bags on the floor. In Britain, where cars tend to be smaller than in : America, passengers were also

to fasten seatbelts correctly, were pushed forward to ac-low across the pelvis. Instead, commodate rear-seat passengers.

> τ Mackay believes that hi-technology "smart" safety devices which measure seat occupants and calculate the way they sit should be built into future

What is fascinating is that safety now sells cars" he says. Things have really moved, with the industry now being positive as opposed to neutral or negative." He believes that most cars could be made 10 to 20 per cent safer for about £50 per vehicle.

Dr Mackay explains the difference between airbags fitted in America and those in Britain. In the US, half the driving population does not wear a seatbelt, even though this is mandatory, and the bags are designed to inflate in accidents at 10mph and over. prone to sit close to the

often find it all but impossible dashboard because their seats "In Europe, the philosophy is were pushed forward to act that everyone is wearing belts, so airbags here don't inflate until impacts of 18 to 20mph,"

European airbags are also designed to protect the head only, so have half the volume of the American version and take longer to inflate. Dr Mackay, whose work is

funded by the Department of Transport, some car manufacturers and the makers of safety devices, started work at Birmingham in 1964. As the son of two doctors, he grew up in a medical environment. "When I first started, I used to go to the scene of crashes. At that time, the only source of information about accidents was the police and insurance companies. We developed techniques for detailed crash

investigation." Has he ever been involved in an accident himself? "I have never had a real crash, though I did spin an MG I once had,"



Murray Mackay: "considerable doubt" over using conventional dummy positions

WARNING The way to take

your seat in safety YOUR stature and

how you sit can affect how badly injured you might be in a crash. The main points to watch are:

 Sit well back and try not to peer over the steering wheel. Position the seat correctly to help you do this,

• At least 88 per cent of people have the head restraint positioned too low and 24 per cent sit too far forward of it. Bad positioning of the restraint can increase the risk of injury in rear impacts, when the head and neck can whip backwards over the device.

 The risk of sitting too far forward of the head restraint is greater in large cars, especially for small women.

 Wear your seatbelt correctly, fastened over the pelvis. Seatbelts can break ribs and cause abdominal injuries when worn too high over the stomach.

 If you are a frontseat passenger, try not to move your seat too far forward to make room for people in the back, and sit facing forwards. In America, passengers were shown to be at risk by bending down to investigate shopping or other belongings on the floor. Passengers also face greater injury when sitting at an angle, which is easier to do if you are not constrained to sit straight like the

● Airbags can inflate with explosive force, especially in America where they are more powerful to meet US safety standards. One driver suffered a badly injured eye when the stem of the pipe he was smoking was snapped off by an inflating airbag in a low-speed accident. The broken pipe and hot ash are believed to

have caused his injury.

Vaughan Freeman discovers the rules of motoring's bottom line



Kindly adjust your scat: Freeman concentrates on sorting out his driving posture

Newcastle United football star Les Ferdinand was looking for a more comfortable seat for his Aston Martin DB7 cabriolet, the advice he got from Terry Moule, his sports injury guru and back expert, was crucial in helping him decide which seat

Two decades ago when Eng-land footballer Gerry Francis found driving so uncomfortable that it was putting his soccer career at risk, it was Moule who came to the rescue by analysing his problem and finding an answer.

Now Moule, whose patient list has included everyone from Sebastian Coe to Olympic multi-gold medallist oars-man Steve Redgrave, is helping Britain's motorists to sit comfortably.

Almost two-thirds of drivers

covering more than 10,000 miles a year suffer clinical back pain that is either caused or aggravated by poor adjustment of the driving seat. Apart from the misery such complaints cause, a driver suffering from back pain is going to be less alert, to tire more quickly, and ultimately is less sale at the wheel.

Already Vauxhall has modified the seats in its Vectra saloon. The seats had been designed to suit German drivers whose preference for boardlike padding and a back-numbing lack of cushioning did not suit the seating taste of Britons. Now, in a separate initiative. Vauxhall has asked Moule to write a booklet for every model in its range, giving owners advice on how the seat should be adjusted.

Back to basics on the seating arrangements

Like the softest bed, says Moule, the softest seat is not the best: "A poorly designed seat that is properly adjusted will always be better for a driver than a well designed seat that is poorly adjusted." It is not a new problem either: "In the late 1970s the England football player Gerry Francis had a Triumph Stag. He had a recurring injury at the time which he was trying to get over and every time

Gerry drove his Stag he had problems with it. I found the driving seat in his Stag was much too low and flat. Every time he was accelerating or braking, he was moving around on the seat, and there was no lumbar support.

Because he was suffering from a prolansed disc in his spine all the time he was figging about in his seat the disc was being inflamed and it was holding up his recovery from injury. It almost finished his footballing comeback". Moule prescribed Francis a Saab. Since then Moule. a

naturopath and osteopath

who specialises in sports inju-

ries, has been involved closely

in the motoring industry and it was a niggling back injury that led him to Vauxhall.

When he met Ed Sabisky, Vauxhall's finance director, at a sporting event the conversation soon switched to cars and to Sabisky's recurring back problem. Moule diagnosed a poorly adjusted driving seat. Sabisky's recovery was so marked that he asked Moule to share his expertise with Vauxhall's customers.

oule says: "When you buy a new car L you are likely to get an owner's manual with 15 pages on how to tune the radio, but nothing on how to tune the driver's seat so it suits

All too often, he says, driver's seats are so soft that while they seem comfortable at first. they cause serious back problems long-term. Even seats that have been well designed can be ruined by marketing executives who then decide lush piping and stitching should be added. These only destroy the seat's ability to support the driver properly.

Improved car seat design might even have caused as many problems as it has solved. Seats offering adjustments in height and tilt, forward and backward movement, lumbar pads, head restraint and steering wheel rake only give motorists the ability to adjust their seat in ways that are hopelessly un-

comfortable and damaging. Moule says: "In eight out of ten cases motorists will have a perfectly adequate car, but they just don't know how to sit in it." Part of the problem is that the old-fashioned attention once paid to posture, "walk tall, stand tall, sit tall", no longer applies.

"in a properly adjusted seat the driver can relax, which means it is possible to respond and to react more quickly. Tension is generated by trying to adjust the body to an uncomfortable seat, which slows down reactions and is potentially dangerous. When was the last time you saw a tense Grand Prix driver? The more tense you become, the more fired you become."

in your car starts with taking off your coat and jacket and driving in a shirt or blouse. Sit in the driving seat and move it backwards and forwards until you can press the throttle and clutch without having to use

any leverage in your legs. Then adjust the seat back and steering wheel tilt so that your arms, with the hands at roughly the height of your shoulders, are only slightly bent and hold the wheel at about the ten to two position.

Feel under your thighs and adjust the seat tilt so it supports your thighs to take strain off the muscles of the buttocks and lower back. The lumbar adjust should then be used until it can just be felt, but not so that it feels like a spare cushion stuffed down your shirt.

inally, the head restraint should be adjusted so . the top of it is level with your eyes. When driving, it is important that you sit back in your seat and do not edge forward: this puts strains and stresses through your body

from neck to ankle. Does it work? Moule advised that I sit too far forward. which brings my thighs off the front of the seat and so places strain on my lower back. This is aggravated by my having the seat-back too upright so it gives virtually no support, placing all the stress on my buttocks and lower back.

The only problem is that initially it feels very peculiar. Says Moulc: "Having adjusted your seat, it probably takes about two weeks to get used to the new position because your Preparing to sit comfortably body has to adjust.

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TOUGH as nails and durable, the Isuzu Trooper is increasingly popular secondhand, reports CAP Black Book Brilliant 28 and 3.1-litre diesel engines mean the Trooper can climb or cope with sticky off-road conditions. All-round abilities are good, too, and big dimensions ensure good accommodation. Go for the long-wheel base 3.1litre Citation turbo. A 1992 Kreg, with air-conditioning and anti-lock brakes, costs about £15,000 average mileage. Watch for whistling turbos and leaking shock absorbers.

If Trooper is big, then the Honda Prelude is a nimble coupé. Used prices remain high because the two-door is much in demand for performance and reliability. Best buy is a 2.0 EXi, and even for a six-year-old car expect to pay £5,000. Beware over-priced four-wheel-steer models, which demand a hefty premium over regular two-wheel steer models. Beware also Preludes with little or no service history. Check that the air-conditioning works properly. Check insurance, too; the Prelude is sporty and premiums might reflect your insurance firm's concern. Best to find out before you put down

a deposit.

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Almera's magical makeover

ROADTEST

IT'S MARVELLOUS when Women go to a glamour consultant to have their hair done and lots of make-up applied. They set off unremarkable plain Janes and come back looking like Sharon Stones.

Similar things happen in the car world, as I discovered with Nissan's own resident plain Jane, the Almera, Kevin Eason writes. The Almera is a perfectly fine little car but typically Nissan in that it has the personality of a cardboard box and as much style as ... well, another cardboard box

Nissan sent the Almera off to the beauty parlour for a bit of a makeover and back came a beauty. A little bit of engineering liposuction and the motoring equivalent of a Wonderbra. has turned plain old Almera into a GTi, which is the sort of car you would actually like to show off.

At £13,995, the Almera GTi is pretty good value, particu-larly for a car which mixes performance with road-holding as well as it does. You will



Almera: Nissan has turned it into the sort of car you would actually like to show off

pay more for an Astra or equivalent Peugeot, but have to toss up whether you fancy an Escort RS2000 or VW Golf GTi more, because they are

roughly the same price.
Think before you choose though for there will be few cars in any segment of the market so capable of cornering swiftly but safely. That is new multi-link beam rear suspension which keeps the GTi on track with admirable steadiness. Nissan pioneered the system on its QX executive model but the suspension works wonders on this little two-door, supporting it through every curve.

mainly thanks to Nissan's fortingly high with electric windows, mirrors and sunroof, central locking with alarm and immobiliser and compact disc player, though the criticism that endures of all Japanese cars applies to the interior, which is as drab and uninteresting as ever. Don't the Japanese ever sit on a Equipment levels are comchair which strikes them as

though, the Almera is a cracker. Good fun, quick but pre-dictable and actually quite

presentable to look at. Now there's a novelty for Nissan: perhaps they should send all of their cars for a beauty makeover.

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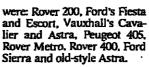
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USED CAR BRIEF

Audi A4
Launched two years ago to replace the Audi 80, the A4 was aimed without apology at nival BMW's hugely successful 3-earies. Any car able to do that would need to be stylish, well-built, ooze automotive flair and be sporty to drive. The A4 defivered in spades: it comes as a "compact" saloon and estate. Engine range is wide and includes 1.9-litre turbo-diesels and petrol engines from 1.6-litres up to the sturning 2.8 V6 quattro and the 150bhp 1.8T.

GOOD NEWS
There is no such thing as a hair-shirt A. All come well-equipped and creature commons abound. All versions feature everything from central locking, engine immobiliser, steering height adjustment and driver side airbag to electric front windo

Rear legroom is at a pre 'n and long our , , a in the back for taller adults. The A4 is relatively new and still somewhat scarce on the used car market, which means that guen case through the

LOOK FOR
Avant Estate. Only a
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the BMW 3-series Touring, the Awant Estate marries A4 style and performance to a useful amount of extra carrying capacity which turns a less than cavemous saloon into a far more flexible machine.

AVOID
The 1.8-litre version, which offers only 100 brake horse power. It feels slow and heavy, particularly when full of people and luggage. Base cars are not so special but SE (special equipment) cars are worth going for as they feature air conditioning and leather upholstery.

Cover from AA insurance (0800 444777) on a 1936 A4 1.9-litre turbo-diesel costs a 55-year-old professional male, living in Winchester with full no claims, £228 a year fully comprehensive and a female £242. A 22-year-old male with a year's no claims living in south London pays £1,332 annuelly, a similar female £1,046. SAFETY RATING Recent Audis score well in the Department of Transport's "Choosing Safety" league tables. The Al is no exception, as aircegs and arti-lock braking feature. The quattro in particular provides excellent road holding even in adverse weather conditions thanks to its rall-proven thanks to its rally-proven four-wheel drive system.

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Long service intervals of 10,000 and 20,000 miles, plus Audi's shared use of many parts from parent car firm, VW, means the A4 is not as expensive to service as might first be feared. Look for full service history cars which have been taithfully cared for by approved Audi dealers to protect the reassuringly



■ VAUXHALL has relaunched its Omega range to keep the car at the top of the sector for executive cars. Omega took over the number one slot from Ford's Scorpio and is a favourite with company fleets as well as private buyers, but gets a series of changes, particularly at the top and

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SPARE PARTS

June will now be a Scenic month

■ BRITISH buyers will have to wait for Europe's new Car of the Year. Renault launched its Megane Scenic in October with UK deliveries due in February. But Renault says Continental sales took 35 per cent of all orders in October which means British deliveries will have to wait until June.

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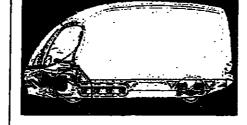
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■ IN THE wake of the Budget boost for gas power come designs for a new vehicle, fuelled by compressed natural gas (CNG). Tickford, one of Britain's top body specialists, believes CNG will be the third fuel of the future because of its practicality, cleanliness and efficiency close to petrol performance. But purpose-built gas vehicles are in short supply, which is why the Milton Keynes company has come up with its own (above), which packages the gas storage tanks, allowing maximum room for passengers or freight.

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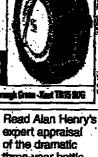
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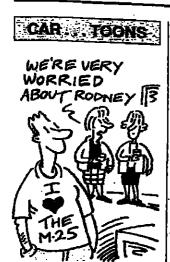
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The image of Nichol and Peters. paraded for the benefit of international television by Saddam Hussein, is one of the most abiding of the Gulf War. In September 1992 the account of their ordeal, Tornado Down, topped the bestsellers list. The sequel, Team Tornado, sold 60,000 in hardback. Nichol's military career ended in March after 15 years when he took voluntary redundancy to concentrate on writing. Point of Impact, published by Hod-der & Stoughton, is his first novel.

How did you first learn to drive?

learnt in the RAF as a trainee technician. It was in a Mini Metro. I was privileged to fail the first test in Weston-super-Mare when I was 17. I never made fast enough progress through the traffic. I passed the second at Witney at my next base. I was amazed because I took it in my big RAF boots and combat uniform. I was driving old Bedfords which had survived the Second World War. I then passed my HGV test.

What was your first car?

Honda Accord. I bought it after the Falklands War. I had been in the RAF for one year when I was sent to the South Atlantic. I never spent any money during the three months was on board the British Tamar. It was a task force refuelling ship.

What car do you drive now, and why?

BMW 528 SE. It is six months old. It is the most expensive item I have STEERING COLUMN

Andrew Pierce talks to John Nichol

bought since my house. I was looking in the window of a Porsche garage. But I wandered next door to a BMW garage and bought the car on the strength of a photograph. The new model had not arrived.

Do you like driving?

It's fantastic. I drive at least 30,000 miles a year. I don't miss the Tornado. Flying at 700mph be-comes day-to-day and routine. I managed 140mph in my BMW. Not here, of course; on an autobahn. I did some rally driving for the day in an airfield north of Oxfordshire which was really hairy. I keep my hand in with flying. I presented a series for the BBC on adventure days out and flew a Cessna.

What is your most hated car?

VW Beetle. I borrowed one for two months. They are dreadful, rattly old things which are truly horrible. I cannot understand why they have attracted such a cult following.

What is your dream car?

BMW 850. Alas, that is all it will ever be unless I remortgage the house or cash in the insurance policies. Not unless my book be-comes a bestseller. They cost £85,000 to £90,000.

What is your worst habit in the car?

Giving a running commentary about what I am doing and what other people are doing. Luckily I drive mostly on my own. It is an old habit from flying and looking out of the cockoit so I can see what people are doing in a couple of miles' radius. You talk all the time to



motorway. There is no anticipation control towers or base when you are in a plane. In the car I end up talking to myself.

What infuriates you most about

It's not the fault of the other drivers but the way they are taught. More to the point, the way that they are not taught. We are taught how to operate a car, not to drive and control it. You can see it on the

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

ing at his manhood.

I was driving down a hill in Bur-

in people's reactions, it's all defen-

sive. Everyone thinks he or she is the

best driver in the world. No one,

including myself, recognises his weaknesses. If you criticise a male

driver it is the equivalent of laugh-

trailer. I had just passed my test. I was with an instructor who was teaching me to drive with a trailer. It weighed 32 tonnes. At the bottom of the hill there is a small humpback bridge. I had to double declutch. But I moved from third to reverse. As the gears crunched, the gearbox dropped out, the drive shaft snapped, and I coasted to a halt on the hump-

back. For six hours. It caused one of

the worst traffic jams in Oxford-

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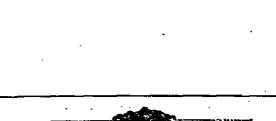
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Eve-Ann Prentice talks to the owners of a rare and exotic 72-year-old that will be joining other time-honoured cars at Land's End this morning for a rally across the length Britain, testing both them and their drivers to the limits

prince is the unlikely inspiration behind the first car which will set out this morning on the Land's End to John o' Groat's rally, ingeniously called Le Jog from the locations' initials. Peter and Sue Noble set their hearts on acquiring their 1925registered Lanchester Tourer after becoming fixated, during a visit to India, by another Lanchester owned by the Maharajah of Alwar. Noble, whose car is the oldest entrant in the three-day AA Le Jog event, first saw the Maharajah's Lanchester in a television pro-

sadistic, bisexual Indian

Years later, during a trip to India, he and his wife discovered that the prince's widow and son were trying to renovate the vehicle. Fired with new enthusiasm after meeting the Maharajah's family, Noble began scouring the world and eventually tracked down the machine he owns today in America. after seeing it advertised for sale in

gramme in the late 1960s.

ine Manarajan's n chester, complete with England's Coronation Coach painted on the back and accompanied by liveried white horses, was used as a hunting vehicle by the Indian aristocrat. He used to tie young animals to a tree to lure tigers into view, then shoot the big cats from his car when they turned up for the trussed-up snacks, according to Noble. The Maharajah was also noted for taking swift revenge on a recalcitrant polo pony by having the animal doused in petrol and

ignited. The Nobles' Lanchester, which was made in 1924 but not registered until a year later, is enjoying a far more altruistic, though no less exciting, life than its Indian counterpart. The classic car-loving Nobles have just returned from Jordan after driving their car in the London-Jerusalem rally. And if the 1,660-mile Le Jog were not testing enough, the couple plan to enter next year's Peking-Paris marathon which covers 10,000 miles and will

take two months.

The Nobles, who live in Loughton. Essex, are confident they will reach John o' Groat's on Tuesday after spending 36 hours awake driving between Cornwall and Edinburgh, followed by a 24-hour grind through Scotland. They made it two years ago, but last year were forced to pull out after reaching the River Severn.

"Keeping awake will be the hardest part," says navigator Sue. Her husband agrees, but insists: "It is easier to keep awake in an open car when the weather is freezing. Every minute you are expecting something to go wrong. After all, the Lanchester is 72 years old and weighs three tons."

Do they argue if things go wrong? "We do fall out, but it doesn't amount to much," says Peter. "It's a lot easier for man and wife. We have known best friends argue and one gets out and storms

Today, there are just 12 such Lanchesters left in existence and the Nobles is the only surviving left-hand drive. In its heyday, the future George VI had one when he was Duke of York, as did the Emperor of Japan and Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. But many were scrapped during the Second World War because the bodywork was made of valuable aluminium. bronze, solid nickel and duralumin needed for the war effort.

The Nobles' Lanchester can take 37 gallons of petrol to feed its 6,178cc straight six engine, the radiator nine gallons of coolant and there are nine gallons of engine oil, four of gearbox oil and one-and-ahalf gallons of oil in the back axle. Fuel consumption is 11mpg driven nicely" and 6mpg "in the

he Nobles also own a 1955 Bentley SI Continental nicknamed Hero, a veteran of longer journeys than the Lanchester has yet undertaken, including trips to Peking, Hong Kong, Tibet and Saigon.

As the Nobles set off on Le Jog this morning, a father and son team will be waiting to take their turn to leave in the first rally they have ever undertaken - "rally virgins" in the jargon of Le Jog. If the course were not daunting enough, they also have to overcome a physical handicap because Philip Waterman, the son, is recovering from a broken ankle.
Driving a 1958 MGA, Philip and

Ron Waterman say that entering the rally "seemed a good idea in the pub". What does Philip think will be the most difficult thing? "Staying awake, not falling out with my father and not getting lost in the middle of the night in the middle of

To try to prepare for the rally, Philip Waterman tried to hone his navigation skills on a course at the National Motor Cycle Museum in Birmingham. "I didn't fare too well." he admits.

For those who do run into trouble on Le Jog, ideal help will be on hand from seasoned AA roadside rescue teams. Four AA vehicles manned by eight people will cover each of the 26 main points along the

"We are working out our own mini-rally," says the AA's Mike Swift. "We have a good team and all of us have had some experience; have been on the London to Mexico car run, and some us have



Sue and Peter Noble ready for their third Le Jog. "It's easier to keep awake in an open car when the weather is freezing. Every minute you are expecting something to go wrong."

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Among the time-honoured machines hoping to avoid the AA's mechanical attention will be a 1941 Lincoln Continental brought from Seattle by Donald and Bonita Saunders, along with a magnificent 1928 boat-tailed Rolls-Royce Phantom I being entered by Germans Gerhard Weissenbach and Susanne Hulisti.

Three Bentleys will also brave the journey, two open-to-the-elements vintage 412-litre tourers and, at the other end of the age and comfort spectra, a sybaritic 1952 R-Type Continental driven by Gerry Leumann of Switzerland.

For spectators who want to spot people as well as cars, many noted historic rally drivers are taking part including three of the Le Jog's four previous gold medallists: Geoff Awde in an MGA, Mike Tomlin in an Alvis 12/60 and

between two points Le Jog is no tors usually end up doing battle against others in their own class, of which there are a geons and a sheet metal joyride — and worker are among the

The toughest distance

longer than

240 people who will go to extraordinary lengths -1,659.66 miles to be precise in the next three days to try to prove that their cars are growing old gracefully, writes Eve-Ann Prentice. They are competitors in Le

Jog, the misleadingly laconichundred and twenty venerable machines will set out from a windswept Cornish clifftop this morning to travel the length and much of the breadth of England, Wales and Scotland. The trio could be completed in 868 miles, but is nearly double that in the rally because of the

twisting nature of the route and the mentality of the man whose brainchild it is. John Brown, Oxford graduate and "an anorak before there were anoraks", had long pondered the trials and tribulations possible on a Land's End-John o' Groat's run before planning and making it a reality in 1993.

This year. AA car finance is sponsoring the event. They approached us and it is a tremendous fillip, they have given a lot of help," says Brown.

Sleeplessness is one of the main tests facing the entrants: Le Jog begins at 8am this morning followed by a 36-hour marathon to Edinburgh, a few hours of snatched sleep and food there, followed by a 24-hour slog to John o' Groat's. Brown is a veteran navigator who entered the 1961 RAC Rally in a Saab alongside Erik Carlsson - and won. Since he cannot enter his own brainchild rally, he competes in other historic rallies "for fun".

Le Jog, as Britain's longest rally, is loosely based on the long-distance events popular between 1920 and 1960. Cars and four-wheeldrive utility vehicles made before January 1. 1976 are eligible to enter.

Since there is no overall winner, there are class awards and medals for reaching certain levels of performance. Competitors tackle a variety of tests, including long open handling trials against the clock, observed tests of driving skills and a lap time consistency test

crews.

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way, Switzerland and America
The next three days will not be all

flood, sweat and tears, however.

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touring trial, entered by about 20

What the AA describes as "per-

haps the bravest entry" is a minuscule three-wheeled Morgan

Aero in which Ernst Krudop and

Willem van der Syder will try to

Among the 20 competitors from

abroad will be entrants from

play Samson to the Goliaths. . .

total of 20. the red tape is The aspect most newcomers dread is night navigation. Redeyed entrants are expected to begin arriving in John of Groat's on Tuesday morning. the rally itself

Thirty makes of car will take part this year, varying in age sounding acronym for the grueiling AA from 22 years to 71. So how did John Brown set Land's End to John o' Groat's rally which tests about establishing — and running — what has

Britain in just three years? "The red tape is beyond belief....it is longer than the rally," he says. "Since all events on the public highway are under Government regulation, we have to give the RAC in England and Wales, and the RSAC in Scotland, full details of the route, in some cases tracings in triplicate, from the Ordnance Survey map. We have to get permission from the police, National Park authorities and private landowners."

stonishingly. Brown and the 600strong army of people he needs to Lorganise Le Jog also contact every single home not on a main road along the route to warn them. The team also helps entrants with insurance, competition licences and accreditation to motoring clubs.

Many people use Le Jog as an opportunity to raise money for charity, and for those who manage the manoeuvrability, time-keeping and other tests particularly well there are gold, silver and bronze medals to be won. This is not as easy as it sounds - only four golds have been awarded since the event was first run in 1993.

Timing is especially important. In so-called regularity sections, drivers must maintain a constant speed over certain parts of the route. For most cars, the speeds are relatively low and easy to maintain in daylight, but much trickier at night. Secret checks are carried out with no prior warning and, to qualify for a medal, entrants must avoid being more than

five minutes late or early at these points.

The main prize is the AA trophy for the best team of three cars of the same make or model.

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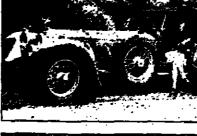
former RAC Rally-winner Neil

Phil Surtees and John Bayliss

will be there in their now-familiar

Ford Willys Jeep, while the enormous Ford Thunderbird will be put

through its paces by John and Birgit aan de Stegge.



1932 45 litre S-Type Invicta went for £151.507. Restored from the chassis up. it is ready to. rally again

Type 57C that made £120,00 at the Coys ane-

tion. It spent

the last 10 years in



A 1929 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A

£106,000 in

the Brooks

auction, where

exotic road cars proved popular



THE NEW Mitsubishi Galant, which makes its European debut at the RAI Motor Show in Amsterdam in February, has been named Japan's car of the year. The Galant range of two-live four-cylinder, and 2.5-litre sucylinder, saloons and estates is due to go on sale in Britain

in April, with prices starting from £17,269: Safety is high on the agenda, with driver and passenger front and side airbags standard on the 25-litre model, pretensioners for front seathelts and electric anti-frap

The range beat 27 competitors for the Japanese car of the year award, which is decided by a panel of motoring specialists and journalists.

THE only Jaguar D-Type to have been raced by Jim Clark, the Border Reivers car registration FKF 9, was not destroyed at Goodwood but is owned and campaigned by COURSES "







NEER !

A crocodile-shaped ice scraper or a sponge that plays Jingle Bells? Perhaps not. But buy him something electrical and he'll be happy all Christmas

What to park under the tree

year there are thousands of readers, especially women, who are paralysed with indecision as to what to buy male friends and family members for Christmas. Never fear, I am here. I have gone forth on your behalf and come back with the goods.

Well, all right, I haven't actually come back with any goods. But it's tough out there. Sir Ranulph Figures has had a lot of publicity for his Antarctic adventure, but trudging through blizzards for six months is a mere bagatelle compared with a voyage into the deeper recesses of the motoring

accessories industry. The reason I direct these remarks at women buying for men is not to be sexist. It is merely a recognition of the old saying that the only difference between boys about the Christmas car accesso-

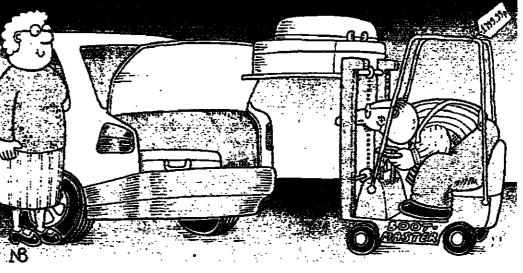
and men is that with men, the toys are more expensive. Men are gadget freaks and retailing junk-ies. The only truly astonishing thing about Fergie's overdraft is that it belongs to a woman. The important thing to realise

rejected out of hand. You may well think that a sponge shaped like a car which, when you squeeze it, plays Jingle Bells is the tackiest tem you could imagine, but somebody out there is buying the Halfords Musical Car Sponge (£1.99). So don't be so sniffy.

Or how about Car Shampers,

Barnard 63.99 for one litre? It looks like a champagne bottle, complete with gold foil at the top and four stars on the label. Clearly the makers think the customers are morons because the label announces: "Not for consumption". Indeed the newest trend in this

barmy market is towards items that look like other items. Along with shampoo containers that look like bottles, there are ice scrapers with fluffy handles that imitate a crocodile or a hippopotamus (a



mere £4.99 each). Perhaps the idea is to encourage children to scrape the windscreen of a morning, a novelty I would expect to wear off

by Boxing Day at the latest. Obviously these are stocking fillers. More serious money can be expended on drivers and plenty of items are by now traditional. There are, for example, driving

gloves, at various prices up to about E20. But hang on a minute: what exactly are driving gloves?

Perhaps they have some magic quality which helps us drive better. I don't think so. Perhaps there is a law against wearing them for any other purpose. I seriously doubt it. I would not go for driving gloves. There are not many men who,

escaping from the freezing winter chill into the warmth of their cars, urgently hunt around for a pair of

gloves to put on. But we must not be defeatist. There are ways to please motoring man and they have to do with that curiously-named item, the car cigar lighter. The cigar lighter is an electrical output and the word

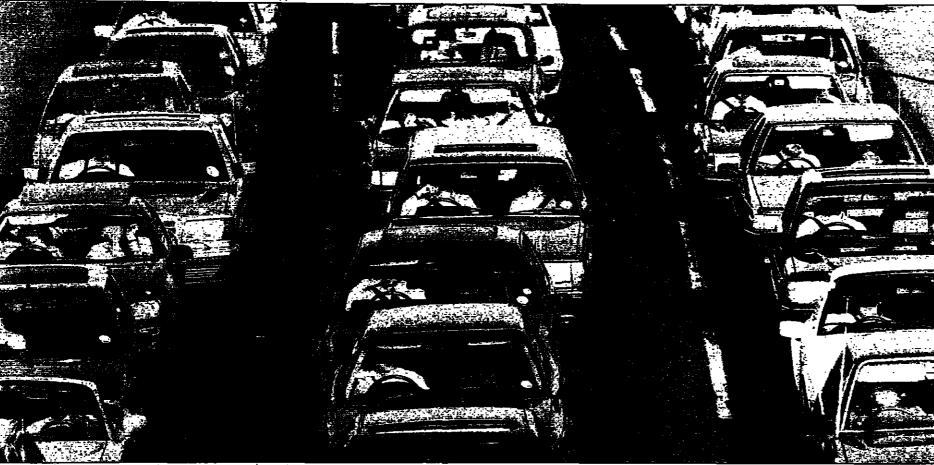
for men. There is but a short stride of lateral thinking between "elec-

trical" and "gadget". Now you are talking. Now you are a mere credit card transaction away from something to put under the tree bearing a label that will fall off and be eaten by the dog. Now you are seconds away from the eyes of the recipient lighting up as a thought and a question rush through his mind. The thought: Just what I wanted. The question:

What the hell is it? A High Power Car Vacuum (£19.99) is what it is. It plugs into the cigar lighter! No it isn't. It is a Car Polisher (£9.99). It also plugs into the cigar lighter. Or is it a Power Beam Spotlight (£9.99), which also plugs into the cigar lighter? It could even be a powered screwdriver.

Why not just buy everything that plugs into the cigar lighter and divide the goods among family and friends. They can give him one item each. He'll be out there for hours, vacuuming, polishing, unscrewing things, screwing things up, having a high old time.

And even the consequences of this mania will not be too dire. provided someone has thought to buy him a battery charger (£14.99).



Road to ruin: there were 940 accidents, including 24 deaths, on the M6 last year, the emotional damage to the lives of drivers and their families does not appear in the statistics

hey are the weariest workers in Britain. When they arrive at their desks, they are too tired and stressed to function; when they get home, they argue with their families, often ending up divorced, lonely and jobless. Drivers who have to tackle the terror of motorways on their way to

work suffer the worst stress, according to safety experts.

Bereavement, moving house, un-

employment and divorce used to top the list of events likely to push people to breaking point. But a survey for the British Safety Council found motorway driving to be the single biggest cause of stress. And they named the M6 as the nation's most stress-inducing road — even worse than the M25, which has the worst reputation in Europe for jams and

congestion.
The 240-mile M6, which stretches from Birmingham through the Midlands and North West, carries an average 165,000 vehicles daily ~ although many barely see a sight of the 70mph speed limit for miles at a time because traffic moves so slowly. particular around the West Midands. At worst - particularly in the Monday morning and Friday evening peak periods — they are caught up in jams up to 20 miles long, lengthening their journeys and eras-ing the prospect of an early start at the office or free time at home.

This motorway is bad for you

It's jam today and breakdown tomorrow. Kevin Eason looks at the road that is driving people out of their minds and their marriages

Simon Woodings at the AA says: "Everyone talks about problems on the M25 each morning, but compared with the M6 that's nothing. The M6 is the busiest motorway in Europe and is an awful test of endurance for everyone using it, especially commuters. During bank holidays it is not unusual to see 25-mile traffic jams on the busiest stretch between Stafford and Birmingham.

*Every day commuters run a gauntlet of congestion, bad driving and road rage. It is no wonder that many people rate this daily experience as the most stressful in their

So stressful that Alan Norris, a consultant psychiatrist, says he has treated two people who gave up their already feel like a piece of chewed

jobs rather than face the daily horror of the M6, while others had moved house and job to escape their journey.
The stress which builds up through daily driving on the M6 is insidious," he says. "It builds up each

day without the victim even being

any drivers who use the motorway regu-larly will suffer anxiety, tension, anger and depression because of the daily frustration of being stuck in traffic." he adds. The tension can lead to palpitations and other health problems. By the time they get to work after hours on the M6 many will

string before the time even comes to face the other stresses of the day." That is when the problems multiply. Drivers constantly late because of traffic jams they cannot control rush into work stressed before they even contemplate their professional problems. When they arrive home, it s often so late and they are in such a filthy temper that the entire family is

made to suffer. The result is often

divorce - which causes more stress

in their lives. "Over a period of months and years the levels of stress continue to build until the victim comes to a complete standstill," warns Dr Norris. "Often the victim cannot contemplate returning to work and needs to take a complete break."

Peter Goodwin, chairman of the Association of Stress Management, says: "After hours in a traffic jam after an awful day at work, they can come home and have a blazing row with their partner which can lead to a

So much time is spent commuting that some workers lose any spare time, which should be spent relaxing, with their families or pursuing hobbies, according to Goodwin. "You spend a certain number of hours each day working, eating and sleeping and the rest you tend to regard as your spare time which is yours to do with

as you please."

Jim Brett, deputy director general of the Safety Council, warns that congestion has to be tackled otherwise stress will lead to more road rage and accidents. There were 940 accidents, including 24 deaths, on the

M6 last year. How to avoid stress while sitting immobile and helpless is not easy, but Goodwin advises drivers to forget Donnington Lane. A525 Ash, Shropshire. the congestion, think of something else and listen to soothing music because, in the end, there is nothing they can do about a traffic jam. Anger

won't make it go away.
"In this country we all work too
hard," he says. "Wages are relatively
low compared with the rest of Europe and people are tired all the time. The last thing we need in already stressful lives in a nightmare like the M6."

AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

LONDON A4 Hammersmith. Road-works between Gliddon Road and North End Road on Talgarth Road, 10am-3:30pm. Resurfacing work on Victoria

Street at junction with Great Smith Street and Broad Sanctuary. ● SOUTH-EAST A4 Reading, Restrictions and lane closures between the

Hogarth Roundabout and Burfield Road. Expect delays at peak periods.
A27 Brighton. Overnight
maintenance on Brighton by-

Hangleton Junction and Ditching Road Bridge.
M25 Essex. Maintenance work between the A10 and Waitham Abbey with narrow lanes and 50mph limit. M27 Hampshire. Roadworks with contraflow betw Southampton East and

A32 Gosport, Hampshire. Off-peak lane closures for carriageway repairs be-tween Bridgemary and Forton. M24 Surrey. Restrictions Godstone and the A3.
A22 Purley, Surrey.
Godstone Road reduced to one lane southbound for

roadworks at junction with Court Road. ● SOUTH-WEST A30 Victoria, Cornwall. Temporary lights for resurfac

ing work. A35 Christchurch, Dorset. Lane closures both ways on Barrack Road for work on a new roundabout. M5 Gloucestershire. Major roadworks with only one lane open at roundabout junction with the A419. Also roadworks for construction of a new road layout on the junction rounciabout at J17 (Bristol West) and contraflow across the Avonmouth Bridge with a 50mph speed

limit. M4 Wiltshire. Contraflow with two lanes each way and a 50mph limit for major road-

works just west of J16. MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA A6 Lockington, Leicester-shire. Contration from just north of the M1 J24 to Sawley Island (B6540) as ma with no right turn into

Roadworks due to construction work. A12 Stratford St Mary, Suf-folk. Reduced to one lane both ways for major roadworks and entry slip roads are closed at Stratford Church. A14 Newmarket bypass, Suffolk. Lond term roadworks

A4114 Coventry. One lane

and a contratiow.

closed 9am-4pm for footway repairs on London Road, near junction with Barr

A41 Wolverhampton. Temporary lights on Bilston Road at the Canal Bridge for strengthening works be Eagle Street and Chillington Street

NORTH M6 Cheshire, Reduced to three narrow lanes for widen-ing work near Thelwall

M6 Cumbria, Contraflow with two lanes in both direc-tions and a 50mph limit be-tween J37 (Kendal) and J38

(Tebay). A59 Much Hoole, Lancashire. Resurtacing work on Liverpool Road causing major hold-ups in both directions heading to and from

A57 Sheffield city centre. Roadworks on The Parkway near the Park Square tuodebout

M1 West Yorkshire. Major long-term roadwroks continue arond the Leeds junction with lane and speed restric-tions. Expect delays on the M1, M621 and Dewsbury

A629 Keighley, West York-shire. Major roadworks with temporary lights on Halifax

WALES

A482 Aberaeron,
Ceredigion. Upper Aberaeron
Bridge on South Road
closed for reconstruction work. Diversions via Panteg Road and the A487. A470 north of Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil. Temporary lights on Brecon Road for major works; 40mph limit on A465 at Cefn Coed with temporary lights on Aberdare

M4 Monmouthshire, Lane closures between the Magor and Newport junctions as major widening work continues. A4067 Swansea, bet

Ynystorgan (M4 J45) and Landore. Contraflow operating with a single lane for construction work. A472 Pontypool, Torfaen.
Contraflow between
Pontymoile and Heron
roundabout. Expect lengthy
delays, especially from the
A4042 direction.

SCOTLAND M8 Junction 2 Newbridge Spur (M9), Edinburgh. Major roadworks, with lane closures on the roundabout. A8 Princes Street, Edin-burgh, Closed eastbound, with diversions via South Char-lotte Street, Queen Street and York Place.

A77 between Kilmarnock and Ayr, North Ayrshire.

Contraflow at Bellfield interchange, near to Spittathill.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Water wheels dry up

SO THE wonder of the car which ran on water never lived up to reality. The car was much publicised by a downmarket newspaper but its inventor, Stanley Meyer, was found guilty of fraud by. an Ohio judge when his water fuel cell was tested. He was prosecuted because he tried to sell "dealerships".

CYCLISTS are planning to give badly-behaving London motorists a ticket. They will put a plastic sticker on the windscreen for offences such as obstructing a cycle route or double parking. No problem - if motorists can stick a plastic note on the helmets of cyclists who never signal, weave in and out of traffic and ignore traffic lights.



the car. Just 27cms high, the

speakers, called the db101,

retail at £399 and come in a

choice of nine different finish-

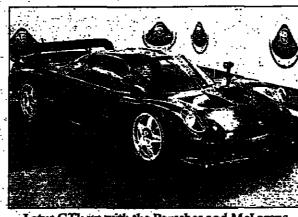
es with personalised logos.

supercar, has taken to design-

ing hi-fi speakers. The speak-

ers, from Rogers, at Mitcham in Surrey, were inspired by the rear curves of the FI and are

made from the same materi-



Lotus GTI: up with the Porsches and McLarens

THIS is the car Lotus hopes will rebuild its reputation on the racetracks. After years in the wilderness. Lotus now has a secure future, thanks to more than £50 million worth of financial backing from Proton of Malaysia, and a hot new car in the shape of the gorgeous and much-praised Elise.

Now comes the GTL the car Long hopes can win the Le

Mans 24-hour endurance race as well as the GT Series world championships next year. It uses the same advanced aluminium chassis system as the Elise but boasts a turbocharged 3.5-litre V8 good for 550 brake horse power. That should put Lotus up among the Porsches and McLarens which have been leading the GT series. The car takes over from the veteran Esprit and was entirely designed in house by Lotus Engineering and Lotus Racing.

Driving positions

■ ALL change in the motor industry, with executives moving into new jobs in some of the country's most prestigious

companies. Bob Dover, Jaguar's chief sports cars engineer and the man who launched the winning XK8, is to become the new managing director and chief executive at Aston Martin. Bob brings 30 years production experience to the Newport Pagnell company. Graham Morris, 46, a former Rover director, is moving from Audi, where he was a board member, to become

 Andrew Walmsley, formerly operations director at Lotus Cars, is to be managing direc-tor at Cosworth, while Hugh Kemp, the Lotus engineering managing director, is now engineering director at Prodrive, maker of the Subaru

Motor Cars.



No rain for five years — then the British arrived. Kevin Eason on a desert storm that stopped a world record bid

Washout puts the dampers on Thrust

rain stopped play. The team in Jordan to break the world land speed record packed up its tents and abandoned the attempt as the heavens opened and its desert disappeared under

The rain was the first in the Al Jafr desert for five years and came just as the Thrust SSC team was preparing to attack the record. Unfortunately, the desert is almost at sea level and dozens of rivers poured into it when the rains eventually came.

And they came after to a month's bad weather and poor luck. Workers, aided by mem-bers of the Royal Jordanian Air Force, spent days clearing a track across 10 miles of desert, essential because even a stone could throw Thrust's solid aluminium wheels, designed to run at 8,500 revolutions per minute, disastrously off course. They cleared ten test tracks — only to see them washed away again.

The car, powered by two Rolls-Royce engines from a Phantom fighter jet and de-signed to run supersonic, reached a top speed of only 33lmph, 302mph short of the 1983 record set by Richard Noble, Thrust's leader, and not even better than the 350.02mph set by John Cobb

The frustration for Andy Green, the RAF Tornado pilot who is guiding Thrust, was

around the clock for weeks, the the decision to give up for this year heart-wrenching. "There was nothing we could do," he says. "Locals reckon it will be two to three months before the desert dries out again, so there was no point in sitting and

The plan now is to raise ye more money to ensure the £15 million attempt can go ahead, with more practice runs at Al Jafr in March followed by the attempt to break the sound barrier on land at the Black Rock desert in Nevada next

The attempt was dogged by bad luck and the bizzare from day one. During the final run at Al Jafr, a severe steering fault showed up at about 300mph, forcing Green to deploy his three brake parachutes to ensure he stopped safely. Repairs were going on with spare parts being airlifted into Al Jair, but the time lag effectively scuppered the chance of another run as the weather closed in.

It was a struggle from the start. One day, the team was trying to keep dust out of delicate machinery, the next they were scurrying for shelter after tying down equipment and tents to cope with heavy rainstorms.

There was one other unexpected hazard. As Green prenared to fire the twin engines on his final outing, a camel wandered on to the track near



Tornado pilot Andy Green could not even match John Cobb's 1938 speed record before the attempt was abandoned in the sands of Al Jafr. At one point, even a camel got in the way



to the start line. Ron Ayers, Thrust's designer, asked the handler to move it but was refused without the payment of cigarettes. Ayers is a nonsmoker, so the handler led his camel out in the centre of the track and tied up its legs so it couldn't move until suitable payment was forthcoming. Only intervention by local

police solved the problem. There is good news on the car though. Even the short tests at Al Jair were enough to confirm that it is stable, will be quick - and makes "a hell of a

lot of noise", according to

"We have a long, long way to go," he says. "But we have had a look at the car and it seems to work well. We just want to try it a little further to be fully confident before we go for any record attempts. We will only do that when we are certain that the car is going well and all the conditions are right. They certainly couldn't be worse than the first storm in five years on a stretch of desert which disappeared

Alan Copps on Platinum treasure

Hurry, hurry, there are only nine left

TO CAP what has been an outstanding year for Rolls-Royce and Bentley sales comes one of the most lavish special editions yet. Only ten Jack Barclay Platinum Bentley Azures will be made to mark the 70th anniversary of the world's leading distributor of the fabulous cars made

The first Platinum Azure has already been sold from the company's showroom in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, to a Japanese businessman who bought it from an artist's impression. At £272,000, the car is £50,000 standard Azure. It will be delivered to its new owner in

fitting out.

It is one of five cars to be finished in platinum with dark blue leather upholstery. The other five will be finished in Le Mans green with sandstone upholstery. They are a tribute to the compa ny's founder, Jack Barclay. one of the Bentley Boys when the marque domin the 24-hour race in the 1920s. "The 70th anniversary is

worthy of celebration. We feel the Platinum Anniversary Bentley Azure is perfect to mark the occasion," said Graeme Hunt, director and will be delivered at the rate





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